

Serverless Computing Redéfining the Cloud

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Return to the Edge and the End of Cloud Computing

SPEAKER Peter Levine, Andreessen Horowitz

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Serverless

Amazon Kinesis Firehose

Load massive volumes of streaming data into S3, Redshift, Elasticsearch,...



- Zero administration: Capture and deliver streaming data into Amazon S3, Amazon Redshift, and other destinations without writing an application or managing infrastructure.
- Direct-to-data store integration: Batch, compress, and encrypt streaming data for delivery into data destinations in as little as 60 secs using simple configurations.
- Elastic: Scales to match data throughput w/o intervention
- Serverless ETL using AWS Lambda Firehose can invoke your Lambda function to transform incoming source data.

Amazon Kinesis Analytics



- Apply SQL on streams: Easily connect to a Kinesis Stream or Firehose Delivery Stream and apply SQL skills.
- Build real-time applications: Perform continual processing on streaming data with sub-second processing latencies using ANSI SQL
- Automatics Scalability : Serverless, elastically scales to match data throughput.



Build and run applications without thinking about servers



Let's take a look at the evolution of computing

Physical servers in data centers



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Virtual servers in data centers



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- Faster provisioning speed
- Improved uptime
- Disaster recovery
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- Elastic resources
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- Reduced maintenance
- Better availability and fault tolerance

Virtual servers in the cloud

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But there are still limitations

- Still need to administer virtual servers
- Still need to manage capacity and utilization
- Still need to size workloads
- Still need to manage availability, fault tolerance
- Still expensive to run intermittent jobs

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Evolving to serverless



SERVERLESS



All of these responsibilities go away

Provisioning and Utilization



EC2 Compute Instance Types



Model	vCPU	CPU Credits / hour	Mem (GiB)	Storage
t2.nano	1	3	0.5	EBS- Only
t2.micro	1	6	1	EBS- Only
t2.small	1	12	2	EBS- Only
t2.medium	2	24	4	EBS- Only
t2.large	2	36	8	EBS- Only
t2.xlarge	4	54	16	EBS- Only
t2.2xlarge	8	81	32	EBS- Only

Model	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD Storage (GB)	Dedicated EBS Bandwidth (Mbps)
m4.large	2	8	EBS- only	450
m4.xlarge	4	16	EBS- only	750
m4.2xlarge	8	32	EBS- only	1,000
m4.4xlarge	16	64	EBS- only	2,000
m4.10xlarge	40	160	EBS- only	4,000
m4.16xlarge	64	256	EBS- only	10,000

Model	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD Storage (GB)
m3.medium	1	3.75	1 x 4
m3.large	2	7.5	1 x 32
m3.xlarge	4	15	2 x 40
m3.2xlarge	8	30	2 x 80

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c4.large	2	3.75	EBS- Only	500
c4.xlarge	4	7.5	EBS- Only	750
c4.2xlarge	8	15	EBS- Only	1,000
c4.4xlarge	16	30	EBS- Only	2,000
c4.8xlarge	36	60	EBS- Only	4,000

We Love Ourselves Some Compute

📕 Elastic GPUs On EC2



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Serverless is a form of event-driven computing



Deliver on demand, never pay for idle



Serverless changes how you deliver



Building blocks for serverless

Compute	Storage	Database
I AWS Lambda	Amazon S3	Amazon DynamoDB
API Proxy	Messaging and Queues	Analytics
f Amazon API Gateway	E Amazon SQS	Amazon Kinesis
Orchestration and State Management	Monitoring and Debugging	Edge Compute
AWS Step Functions	🗼 AWS X-Ray	AWS Greengrass

Academics agree: serverless + big data = <3

(Source: arXiv)

Occupy the Cloud: Distributed Computing for the 99%

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Abstract

Distributed computing remains inaccessible to a large number of users, in spite of many open source platforms and extensive commercial offerings. While distributed computation frameworks have moved beyond a simple map-reduce model, many users are still left to struggle with complex cluster management and configuration tools, even for running simple embarrassingly parallel jobs. We argue that stateless functions represent a viable platform for these users, eliminating cluster management learning graduate students have never written a cluster computing job.

In this paper we argue that a serverless execution model with stateless functions can enable radicallysimpler, fundamentally elastic, and more user-friendly distributed data processing systems. In this model, we have one simple primitive: users submit *stateless functions* that are executed in a remote container and inputs, outputs for the function are accessed from shared remote storage. By removing the notion of servers from end users, we can avoid the significant developer and man-

Serverless today











Web **Applications**

- Static websites ٠
- Complex web ٠ apps
- Packages for • Flask and Express

Backends

Apps & services •

Mobile •

IoT

Big Data

- Real time
- MapReduce •
- Batch

Chatbots

Powering

chatbot logic

Amazon Alexa

- Powering voice-٠ enabled apps
- Alexa Skills Kit •

IT Automation

- Policy engines •
- Extending AWS • services
- Infrastructure management





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Web Applications and Backends







How iRobot leverages AWS



Serverless is Distributed by Nature

iRobot Roomba

- Component graph becomes call graph
- Distributed systems thinking is required from the start

• Event-based architecture







https://github.com/awslabs/lambda-refarch-mapreduce

PyWren: a massive data framework for Lambda

- Open source MapReduce
 framework using Lambda
- 25 TFLOPS performance
- 60 GB/sec read and 50 GB/sec write to S3



Now run denser workloads with Lambda



Default concurrency

600 concurrent functions



Flask and Express



• Batch



Data Processing

- Real time
- MapReduce
- Batch

Lambda + DynamoDB + Redshift

Example: Retail Data Warehouse ETL



Nordstrom Recommendations



15-20 minutes of processing \rightarrow now in seconds 2x order of magnitude for cost savings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXmkj2a0fRE



Flask and Express



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Serverless is a core component of modern apps



Customers innovating with serverless

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Enterprises are achieving massive scale with Lambda

- Thomson Reuters processes 4,000 requests per second
- FINRA processes half a trillion validations of stock trades daily
- Hearst reduced the time to ingest and process data for its analytics pipeline by 97%
- Vevo can handle spikes of 80x normal traffic
- Expedia triggers 1.2 billion Lambda requests each month

Capabilities of a serverless platform





Cloud Logic Layer



Orchestration and State Management



Responsive Data Sources



Application Modeling Framework



Security and Access Control



Developer Ecosystem

Reliability and

Performance



Integrations Library



Global Scale



Reliability and performance





Dead Letter Queues

- Automatically capture events after exhausting retries
- Build even more reliable event processing applications
- Target Amazon SQS queues or Amazon SNS topics
- Available in all regions



How do you debug distributed applications made of multiple functions or services?

How do you gain insights into how your functions are performing or behaving?

AWS X-Ray

- Analyze and debug distributed apps in production
- Visualize service call graph of your app
- Identify performance bottlenecks and errors
- Pinpoint service-specific issues
- Identify impact of issues on users of the app
- Trace function executions (preview)





How X-Ray works





X-Ray example



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3 s3 = new AWS.S3({signatureVersion: 'v4'});
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5 exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
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7 var params = {Bucket: 'tim-example-blucket', Key: 'MyKey', Body: 'Hello!'};
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9 s3.putObject(params, function(err, data) {});
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X-Ray example





Map legend



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AWS Greengrass (in preview)

- Extends Lambda functions to devices
- Low latency, near-real time



AWS Snowball Edge

- Petabyte-scale hybrid device with onboard compute and storage
- Deploy AWS Lambda code to Snowball Edge





Lambda@Edge (in preview)



- Lambda@Edge is available in all Amazon CloudFront edge locations
- Low-latency request/response customization
- Supports viewer and origin events



Takeaways

- Serverless is a Fundamental Component of Modern Applications
- Many enterprise applications can go serverless
- Move to event driven computing
- The ecosystem continues to grow
- Tooling, languages, and application capabilities
- But we still have a long ways to go...

Serverless and Edge are technology triggers with the potential to reshape distributed computing and the role of cloud computing