Re-Engineering Autodesk

Digital Transformation with AWS Lambda

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What is Serverless?





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How do you want to spend your time?



VS.



Amazon views serverless as the native architecture of the cloud



No provisioning, no management



Automatic scaling

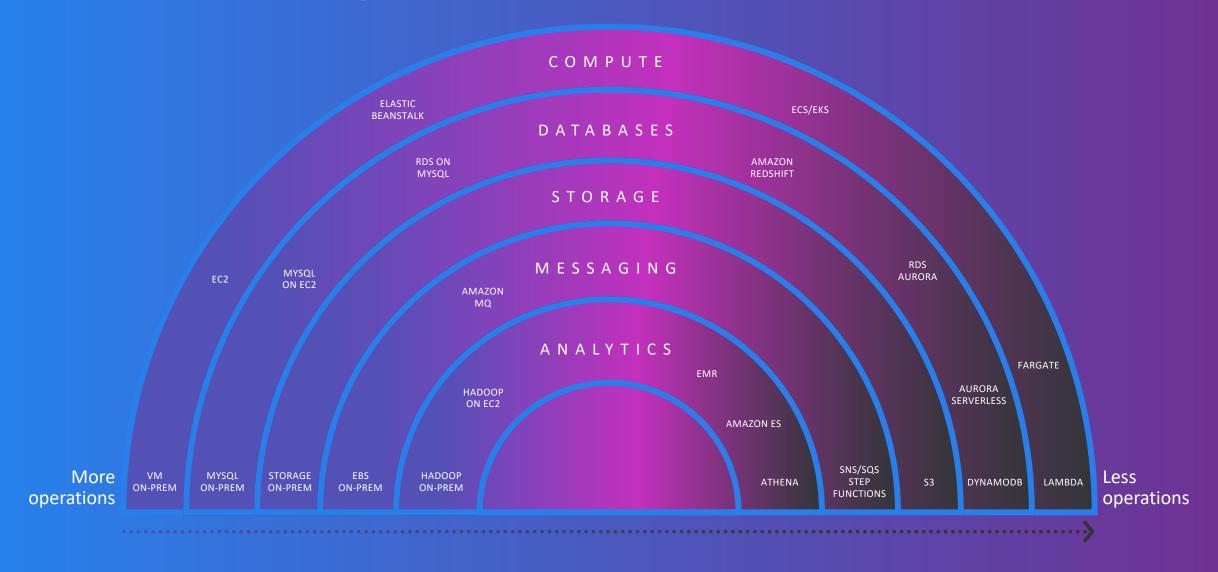


Pay for value



Highly available and secure

Serverless is an operational construct



Serverless compute



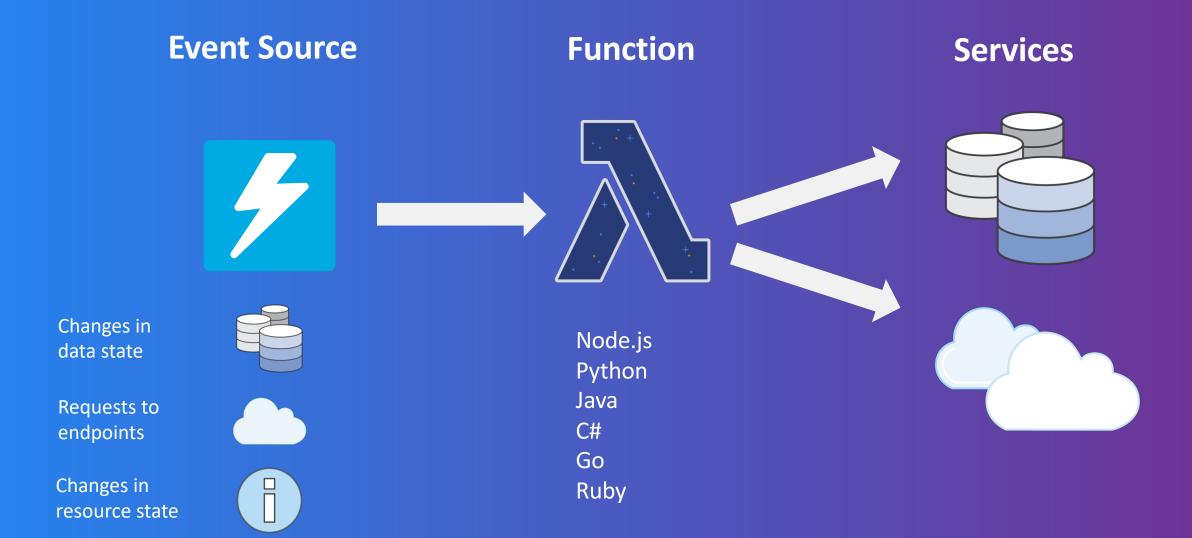
Run code without provisioning or managing servers

Lambda handles...



- Load balancing
- Auto scaling
- Failure retries
- Security isolation
- OS management
- Utilization and capacity (and more)

AWS Lambda: Run code in response to events



Serverless is more than just functions



About Autodesk





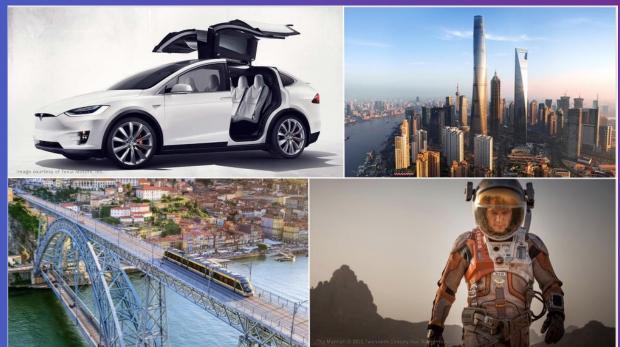
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About Autodesk

What do we do? Autodesk gives you the power to make anything!

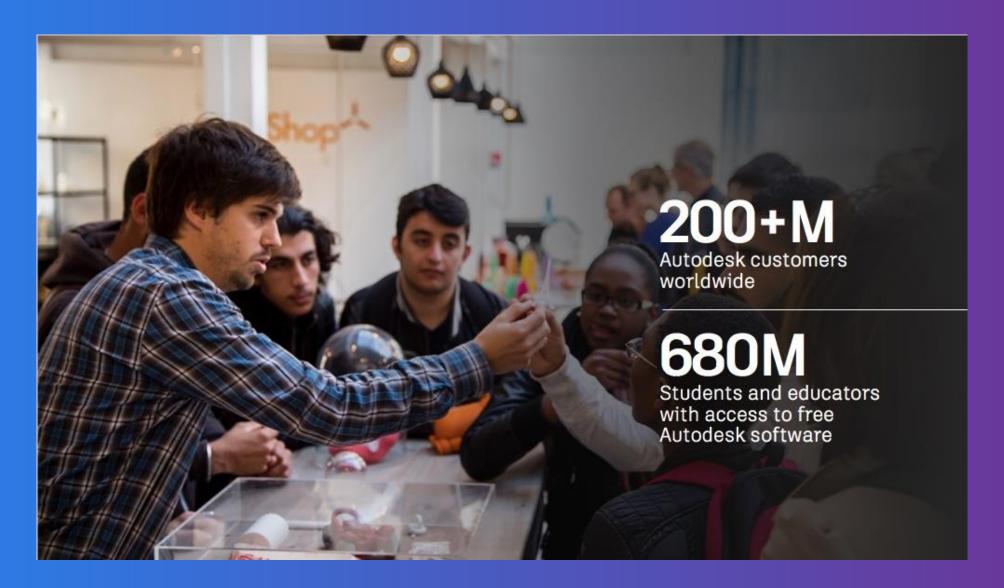








How we are doing?



Lambda at Autodesk: Why & How





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Autodesk: The move to Lambda

Where We Started

- Classic datacenter Architecture
- Java stack
- Single monolithic code base
- Hidden Business logic

What We Wanted

- Code driven infrastructure
- A microservice domain model architecture
- A move towards CI/CD
- Multiple repositories for asynchronous development





So why AWS Lambda?

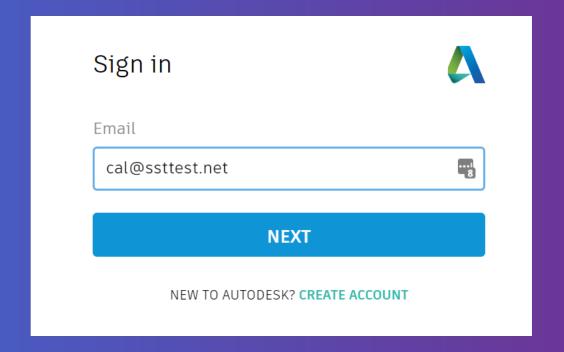
- We are a software company first and foremost
 - Scales with demand automatically
 - Significantly reduces server cost
 - Eliminates server maintenance
 - Move our developer time and costs from maintenance to development



AWS Lambda and the Account Portal (manage.autodesk.com)

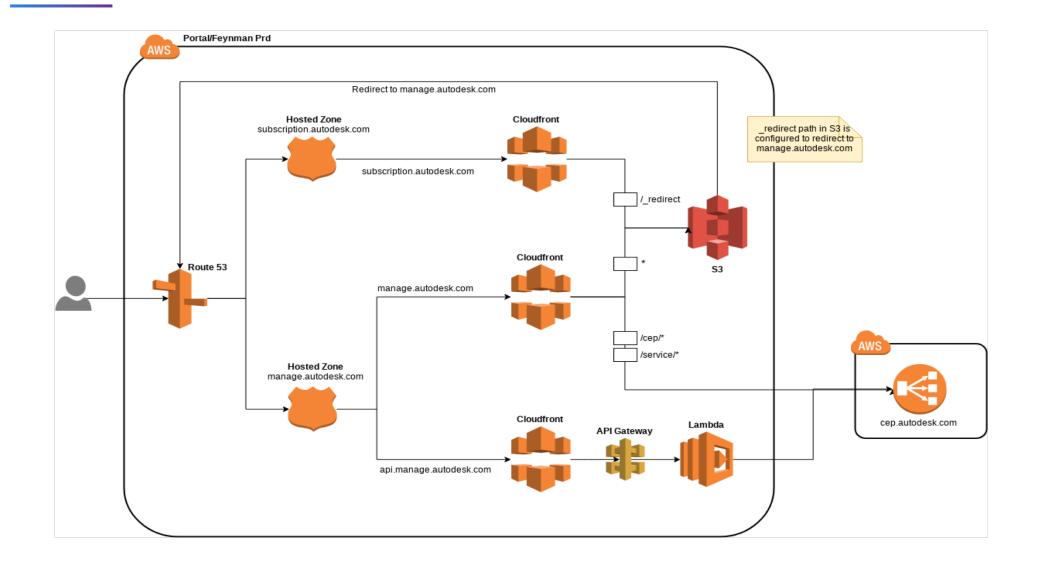


- Our Strategy to Migration:
 - Keep the legacy systems running
 - Only re-write code for new API services
 - Split traffic based on route of ingress





Our new architecture





Further thoughts

What We Learned:

- Smaller is better. Sometimes it is better to go to a container.
- KISS: Offload your logic to your backend systems behind the API's where you can.
- You can only tweak memory, cpu allocation is directly tied to memory footprint.

Challenges:

- Onboarding and experience can be tricky.
- Test and more test: Understand the spin up behavior prior to production.
- Not having direct access to the process can be tricky to debug

Monitoring Lambda with Dynatrace





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Essential Golden metrics for Applications

Availability



Uptime Percent

Could we respond to the request?

Performance



Millisecond

 How long did it take to execute the function?

Error rate



Percent

of errors in Invocations

Utilization



Request/min

How many invocations are done?

Dynatrace Lambda Monitoring Journey



Challenges



- Resources exist during execution
- Unlike host we cannot install agents for monitoring
- Events need to be correlated
- Collecting tracing logs and metrics is challenging

Goals



- Ongoing measurement of performance improvement during updates and changes as we move to AWS Lambda
- Able to identify and resolve issues faster

Implementations



- Instrumenting lambda code with handler provide by Dynatrace
- Lambda starts reporting the metrics data to Dynatrace
- Dynatrace collects, aggregates and baselines the metrics for alerting and dashboarding

Customer Benefits

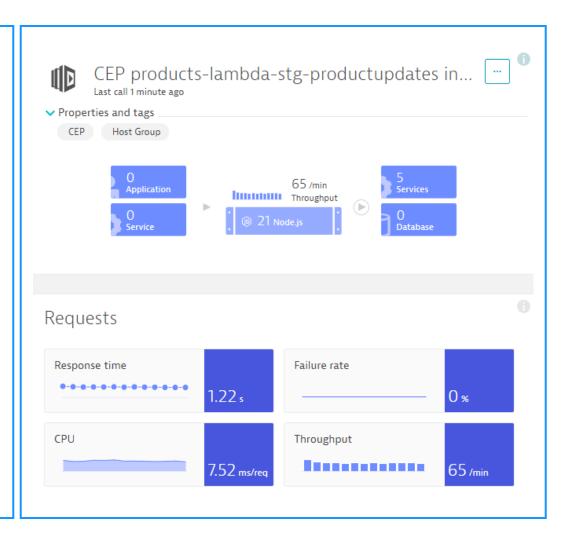


- Full Stack Visibility
- Event correlation across all dependent services with Service flow
- Dynatrace Al Engine helps in anomaly detection



Dynatrace + Lambda Monitoring

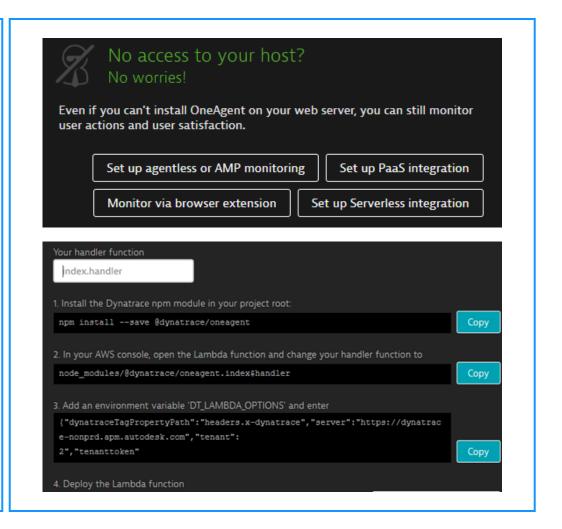
- Out-of-the-box, Dynatrace provides full set of AWS Cloudwatch metrics for lambda through its AWS integration.
- Through serverless integration Dynatrace additionally provides
 - End-to-end tracing to and from lambda functions, without changing your code
 - Al powered problem detection
 - Response time
 - Failure rates
 - Process metrics
 - Event loop metrics (for node.js)



Set up serverless integration for Lambda

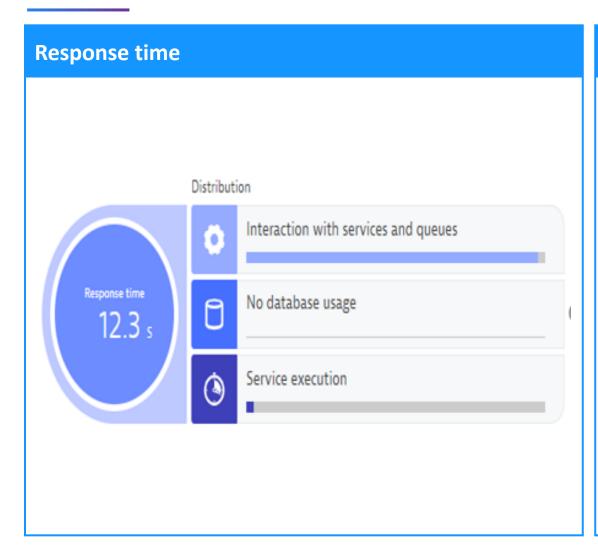


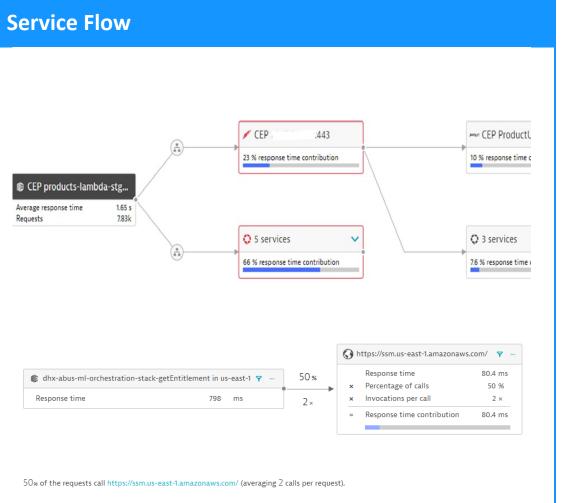
- Log in to Dynatrace environment and click on Deploy Dynatrace → Set up serverless integration.
- Follow the three steps deploy process
 - Install the Dynatrace npm module (the module comes with a helper utility that strips down the module to a specific node.js version)
 - Change the handler function in AWS console to the one given in the Dynatrace console.
 - Add an environment variable for DT_LAMBDA_OPTIONS
 - And deploy



Lambda Performance Investigation

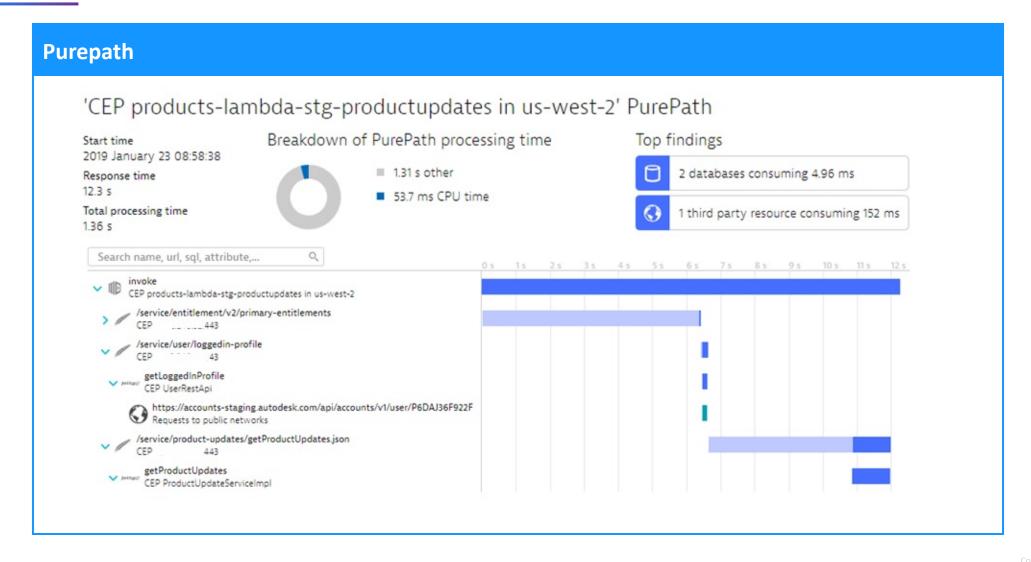






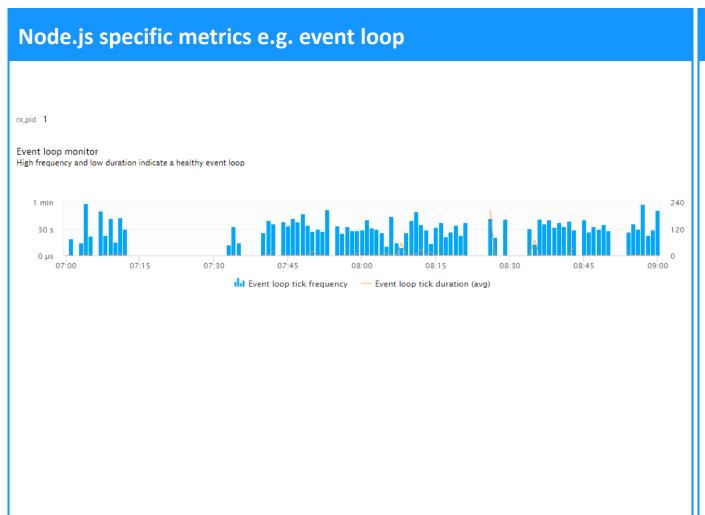


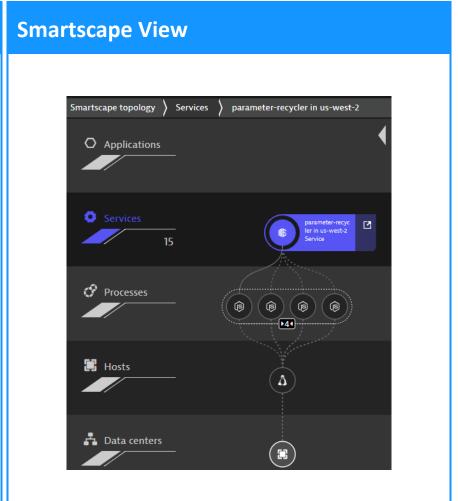
Purepath Deepdive





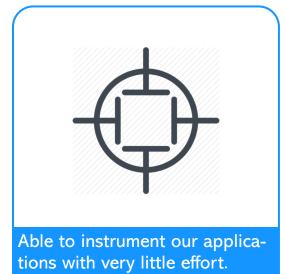
Full stack Visibility and evaluating node.js

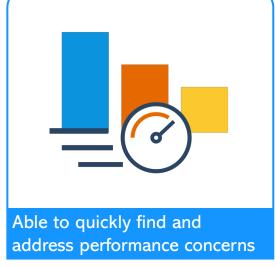


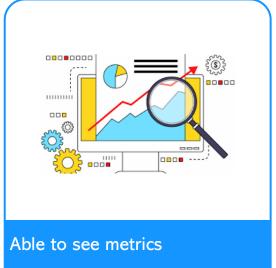




Dynatrace + Lambda Quick Wins









Closing remarks

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Further resources

- Apply to our EAP bit.ly/lambda-eap
- Dynatrace Documentation for Lambda bit.ly/dynatrace-doc-lambda
- Blog-post on deploying Dynatrace with Lambda in 8 Minutes bit.ly/dynatrace-deploy-lambda
- Dynatrace OneAgent for Serverless Module bit.ly/dynatrace-serverless
- Questions? Reach out! daniel.khan@dynatrace.com or meet me at the Innovation Center



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