TCSS 562: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud Computing Concepts and Models - II

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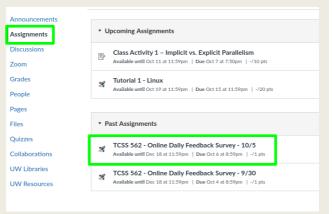
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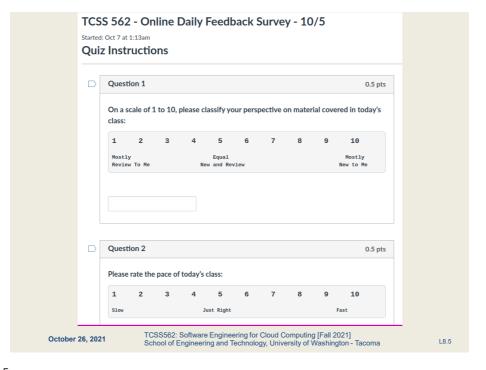
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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (24 respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- Average 6.71 (↑ previous 6.00)
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- Average 5.75 (↑ previous 5.54)

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FEEDBACK FROM 10/21

Could you give a high level overview of how you could build a completely serverless web application?

What would the application architecture look like? How would the static web hosting work?

How would the client interact with the serverless backend?

- AWS Lambda can generate dynamic content as needed
- Store static content in persistent data stores (S3, RDS)
- API Gateway can serve static content on request
 - Backend provider: cloudfront or Lambda
- Persist user session state using data stores (S3, etc.)
 - Provide users unique session key (unique identifier)
 - Session key to subsequent FaaS function calls
 - Session keys can enable any FaaS function to query user state from a relational DB or object store

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FEEDBACK - 2

- An example serverless web application is discussed on the following blog:
- https://medium.com/hootsuite-engineering/developing-a-fullyserverless-web-app-84ff897de8a1
- Services used:
- Lambda serverless compute
- IAM & Cognito permissions and authentication
- DynamoDB data storage
- S3 static website hosting and file storage
- SES sending emails
- Cloudwatch debugging and scheduling events
- Cloudfront hosting the production single page application (SPA)
- API Gateway http endpoints to front our Lambda functions

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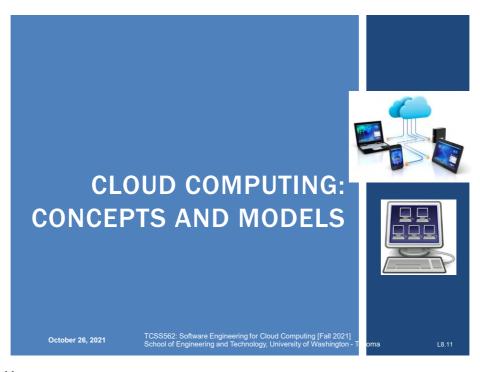
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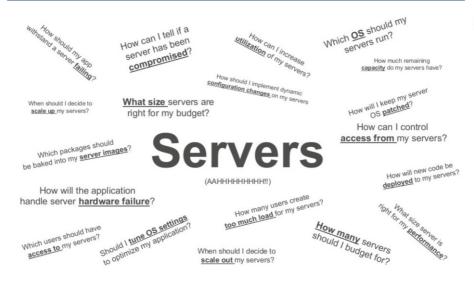
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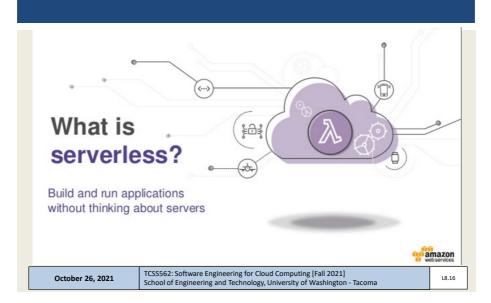
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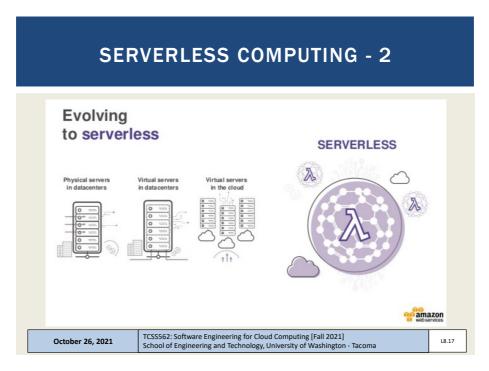


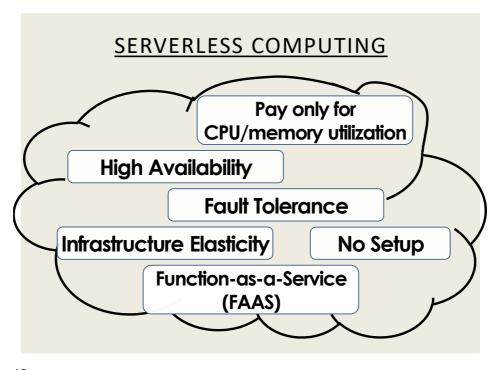
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SERVERLESS COMPUTING

Why Serverless Computing?

Many features of distributed systems, that are challenging to deliver, are provided automatically

...they are built into the platform

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SERVERLESS VS. FAAS

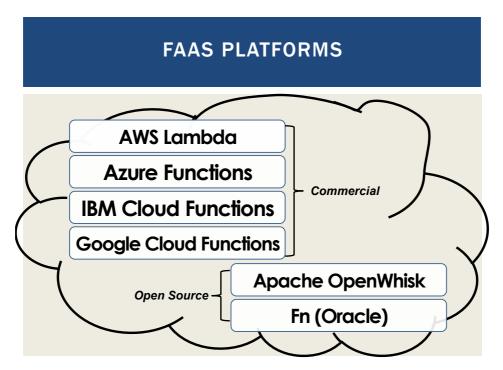
- Serverless Computing
- Refers to the avoidance of managing servers
- Can pertain to a number of "as-a-service" cloud offerings
- Function-as-a-Service (FaaS)
 - Developers write small code snippets (microservices) which are deployed separately
- Database-as-a-Service (DBaaS)
- Container-as-a-Service (CaaS)
- Others...
- Serverless is a buzzword
- This space is evolving...

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AWS LAMBDA

Using AWS Lambda





Bring your own code

- Node.js, Java, Python, C#
- Bring your own libraries (even native ones)



Simple resource model

- Select power rating from 128 MB to 3 GB
- CPU and network allocated proportionately



Flexible use

- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Integrated with other AWS services



Flexible authorization

- Securely grant access to resources and VPCs
- Fine-grained control for invoking your functions

Images credit: aws.amazon.com

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FAAS PLATFORMS - 2

- New cloud platform for hosting application code
- Every cloud vendor provides their own:
 - AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, Google Cloud Functions, IBM OpenWhisk
- Similar to platform-as-a-service
- Replace opensource web container (e.g. Apache Tomcat) with abstracted vendor-provided
 black-box environment

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FAAS PLATFORMS - 3

- Many challenging features of distributed systems are provided automatically
- **Built into the platform:**
- Highly availability (24/7)
- Scalability
- Fault tolerance

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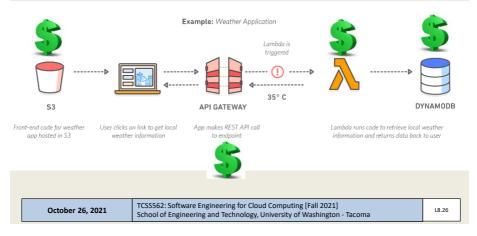
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CLOUD NATIVE SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

Every service with a different pricing model



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IAAS BILLING MODELS Virtual machines as-a-service at ¢ per hour

■ No premium to scale:

1000 computers @ 1 hour 1 computer @ 1000 hours

- Illusion of infinite scalability to cloud user
- As many computers as you can afford Spot Instance Pricing
- Billing models are becoming increasingly granular
 - By the minute, second, 1/10th sec
- Auction-based instances: Spot instances →

Spot Instances 7

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on VPC) + Instance Type: c1.xlarg

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PRICING OBFUSCATION

• VM pricing: hourly rental pricing, billed to

nearest second is intuitive...

■ FaaS pricing: non-intuitive pricing policies

• FREE TIER:

first 1,000,000 function calls/month → FREE first 400,000 GB-sec/month → FREE

Afterwards: obfuscated pricing (AWS Lambda):

\$0.0000002 per request

\$0.00000208 to rent 128MB / 100-ms

\$0.00001667 GB /second

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WEBSERVICE HOSTING EXAMPLE

ON AWS Lambda

■ Each service call: 100% of 1 CPU-core

100% of 4GB of memory

Workload: 2 continuous client threads

Duration: 1 month (30 days)

ON AWS EC2:

Amazon EC2 c4.large 2-vCPU VM

■ Hosting cost: \$72/month

c4.large: 10¢/hour, 24 hrs/day x 30 days

•How much would hosting this workload cost on AWS Lambda?

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PRICING OBFUSCATION

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Worst-case scenario = ~2.32x!

AWS EC2: $72.00

AWS Lambda: $167.01

Break Even: 4,319,136 GB-sec

Two threads

2 GB-ea: ~12.5 days

BREAK-EVEN POINT: ~4,319,136 GB-sec-month
 ~12.5 days 2 concurrent clients @ 2GB
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FAAS PRICING

- Break-even point is the point where renting VMs or deploying to a serverless platform (e.g. Lambda) is exactly the same.
- Our example is for one month
- Could also consider one day, one hour, one minute
- What factors influence the break-even point for an application running on AWS Lambda?

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FACTORS IMPACTING PERFORMANCE OF FAAS COMPUTING PLATFORMS

- Infrastructure elasticity
- Load balancing
- Provisioning variation
- Infrastructure retention: COLD vs. WARM
 - Infrastructure freeze/thaw cycle
- Memory reservation
- Service composition

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FAAS CHALLENGES

- Vendor architectural lock-in how to migrate?
- Pricing obfuscation is it cost effective?
- Memory reservation how much to reserve?
- Service composition how to compose software?
- •Infrastructure freeze/thaw cycle how to avoid?

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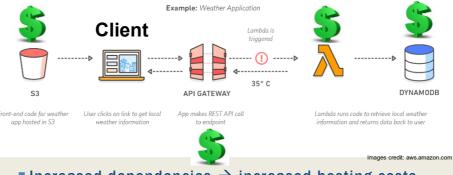
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VENDOR ARCHITECTURAL LOCK-IN

Cloud native (FaaS) software architecture requires external services/components



■Increased dependencies → increased hosting costs

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▼ Basic settings

Memory (MB) Info

1536 MB

Description

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MEMORY RESERVATION QUESTION...



Performance

- Lambda memory reserved for functions
- UI provides "slider bar" to set function's memory allocation
- Resource capacity (CPU, disk, network) coupled to slider bar:
 - "every **doubling** of memory, **doubles** CPU..."

But how much memory do model services require?

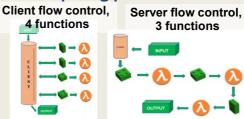
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SERVICE COMPOSITION

How should application code be composed for deployment to serverless computing platforms?





- Recommended practice:Decompose into many microservices
- Platform limits: code + libraries ~250MB Performance
- How does composition impact the number of function invocations, and memory utilization?

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INFRASTRUCTURE FREEZE/THAW CYCLE

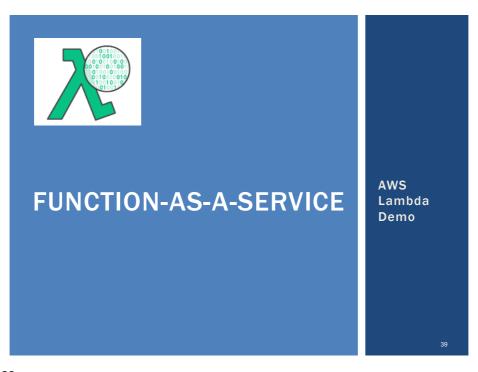
- Unused infrastructure is deprecated
 - But after how long?
- Infrastructure: VMs, "containers"
- Provider-COLD / VM-COLD
 - "Container" images built/transferred to VMs
- Container-COLD
 - Image cached on VM
- Container-WARM
 - "Container" running on VM



Performance

Image from: Denver7 - The Denver Channel News

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CONTAINER-AS-A-SERVICE

- Cloud service model for deploying application containers (e.g. Docker) to the cloud
- Deploy containers without worrying about managing infrastructure:
 - Servers
 - Or container orchestration platforms
 - Container platform examples: Kubernetes, Docker swarm, Apache Mesos/Marathon, Amazon Elastic Container Service
 - Container platforms support creation of container clusters on the using cloud hosted VMs
- CaaS Examples:
 - AWS Fargate
 - Azure Container Instances
 - Google KNative

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OTHER CLOUD SERVICE MODELS

- IaaS
 - Storage-as-a-Service
- PaaS
 - Integration-as-a-Service
- SaaS
 - Database-as-a-Service
 - Testing-as-a-Service
 - Model-as-a-Service
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 - Security-as-a-Service
 - Integration-as-a-Service

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CLOUD DEPLOYMENT MODELS

- Distinguished by ownership, size, access
- Four common models
 - Public cloud
 - Community cloud
 - Hybrid cloud
 - Private cloud

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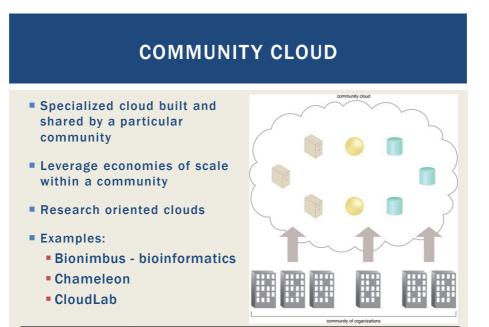
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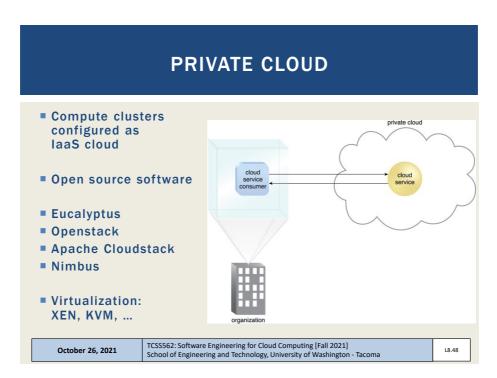
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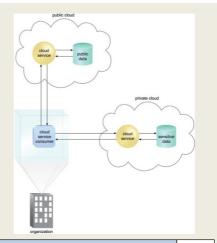
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HYBRID CLOUD

- Extend private cloud typically with public or community cloud resources
- Cloud bursting:
 Scale beyond one cloud when resource requirements exceed local limitations
- Some resources can remain local for security reasons



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OTHER CLOUDS

- Federated cloud
 - Simply means to aggregate two or more clouds together
 - Hybrid is typically private-public
 - Federated can be public-public, private-private, etc.
 - Also called inter-cloud
- Virtual private cloud
 - Google and Microsoft simply call these virtual networks
 - Ability to interconnect multiple independent subnets of cloud resources together
 - Resources allocated private IPs from individual network subnets can communicate with each other (10.0.1.0/24) and (10.0.2.0/24)
 - Subnets can span multiple availability zones within an AWS region

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TCSS 562 TERM PROJECT

- Build a serverless cloud native application
- Application provides case study to investigate architecture/design trade-offs
 - Application provides a vehicle to compare and contrast one or more trade-offs
- Alternate 1: Cloud Computing Related Research Project
- Alternate 2: Literature Survey/Gap Analysis

*- as an individual project

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DESIGN TRADE-OFFS

- <u>Service composition</u>
 - Switchboard architecture:
 - compose services in single package
 - Address COLD Starts
 - Infrastructure Freeze/Thaw cycle of AWS Lambda (FaaS)
 - Full service isolation (each service is deployed separately)
- Application flow control
 - client-side, step functions, server-side controller, asynchronous hand-off
- Programming Languages
- Alternate FaaS Platforms

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DESIGN TRADE-OFFS - 2

- Alternate Cloud Services (e.g. databases, queues, etc.)
 - Compare alternate data backends for data processing pipeline
- Performance variability (by hour, day, week, and host location)
 - Deployments (to different zones, regions)
- Service abstraction
 - Abstract one or more services with cloud abstraction middleware: Apache libcloud, apache jcloud; make code cross-cloud; measure overhead

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OTHER PROJECT IDEAS

- Elastic File System (EFS)Performance & Scalability Evaluation
- Docker container image integration with AWS Lambda performance & scalability
- Resource contention study using CpuSteal metric
 - Investigate the degree of CpuSteal on FaaS platforms
 - What is the extent? Min, max, average
 - When does it occur?
 - Does it correlate with performance outcomes?
 - Is contention self-inflicted?
- & others

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SERVERLESS APPLICATIONS

- Extract Transform Load Data Processing Pipeline
 - * >>>This is the STANDARD project<<< *</p>
 - Batch-oriented data
 - Stream-oriented data
- Image Processing Pipeline
 - Apply series of filters to images
- Stream Processing Pipeline
 - Data conversion, filtering, aggregation, archival storage
 - What throughput (records/sec) can Lambda ingest directly?
 - Comparison with AWS Kinesis Data Streams and DB backend:
 - https://aws.amazon.com/getting-started/hands-on/build-serverless-real-time-data-processing-app-lambda-kinesis-s3-dynamodb-cognito-athena/
 - Kinesis data streams claims multiple GB/sec throughput
 - What is the cost difference?

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SERVERLESS APPLICATIONS - 2

- Map-Reduce Style Application
 - Function 1: split data into chunks, usually sequentially
 - Function 2: process individual chunks concurrently (in parallel)
 - Data processing is considered to be Embarrassingly Parallel
 - Function 3: aggregate and summarize results
- Image Classification Pipeline
 - Deploy pretrained image classifiers in a multi-stage pipeline
- Machine Learning
 - Multi-stage inferencing pipelines
 - Natural Language Processing (NLP) pipelines
 - Training (?)

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AWS LAMBDA PLATFORM LIMITATIONS

- Maximum 10 GB memory per function instance
- Maximum 15-minutes execution per function instance
- Access to 500 MB of temporary disk space for local I/O
- Access up to 6 vCPUs depending on memory reservation size
- 1,000 concurrent function executions inside account (default)
- Function payload: 6MB (synchronous), 256KB (asynchronous)
- Deployment package: 50MB (compressed), 250MB (unzipped)
- Container image size: 10 GB
- Processes/threads: 1024
- File descriptors: 1024
- See: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/gettingstarted-limits.html

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DATA PIPELINE

- Service 1: TRANSFORM
- Read CSV file, perform some transformations
- Write out new CSV file
- Service 2: LOAD
- Read CSV file, load data into relational database
- Cloud DB (AWS Aurora), or local DB (Derby/SQLite)
 - Derby DB and/or SQLite code examples to be provided in Java

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EXTRACT TRANSFORM LOAD DATA PIPELINE - 2

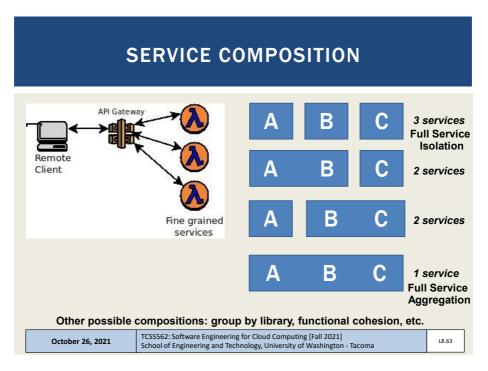
- Service 3: **QUERY**
- Using relational database, apply filter(s) and/or functions to aggregate data to produce sums, totals, averages
- Output aggregations as JSON

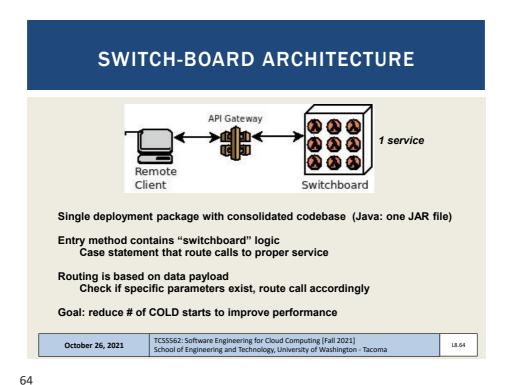
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APPLICATION FLOW CONTROL

- Serverless Computing:
- AWS Lambda (FAAS: Function-as-a-Service)
- Provides HTTP/REST like web services
- Client/Server paradigm
- Synchronous web service:
- Client calls service
- Client blocks (freezes) and waits for server to complete call
- Connection is maintained in the "OPEN" state
- Problematic if service runtime is long!
 - Connections are notoriously dropped
 - System timeouts reached
- Client can't do anything while waiting unless using threads

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APPLICATION FLOW CONTROL - 2

- Asynchronous web service
- Client calls service
- Server responds to client with OK message
- Client closes connection
- Server performs the work associated with the service
- Server posts service result in an external data store
 - AWS: S3, SQS (queueing service), SNS (notification service)

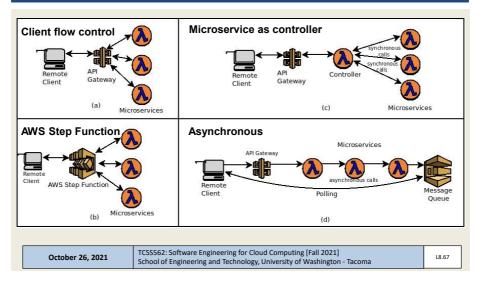
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APPLICATION FLOW CONTROL - 3



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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE COMPARISON

- FaaS platforms support hosting code in multiple languages
- AWS Lambda- common: Java, Node.js, Python
 - Plus others: Go, PowerShell, C#, and Ruby
- Also Runtime API ("BASH") which allows deployment of binary executables from any programming language
- August 2020 Our group's paper:
- https://tinyurl.com/y46eq6np
- If wanting to perform a language study either:
 - Implement in C#, Ruby, or multiple versions of Java, Node.js, Python
 - OR implement different app than TLQ (ETL) data processing pipeline

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FAAS PLATFORMS

- Many commercial and open source FaaS platforms exist
- TCSS562 projects can choose to compare performance and cost implications of alternate platforms.
- Supported by SAAF:
- AWS Lambda
- Google Cloud Functions
- Azure Functions
- IBM Cloud Functions

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DATA PROVISIONING

- Consider performance and cost implications of the data-tier design for the serverless application
- Use different tools as the relational datastore to support service #2 (LOAD) and service #3 (EXTRACT)
- SQL / Relational:
- Amazon Aurora (serverless cloud DB), Amazon RDS (cloud DB), DB on a VM (MySQL), DB inside Lambda function (SQLite, Derby)
- NO SQL / Key/Value Store:
- Dynamo DB, MongoDB, S3

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PERFORMANCE VARIABILITY

- Cloud platforms exhibit performance variability which varies over time
- Goal of this case study is to measure performance variability (i.e. extent) for AWS Lambda services by hour, day, week to look for common patterns
- Can also examine performance variability by availability zone and region
 - Do some regions provide more stable performance?
 - Can services be switched to different regions during different times to leverage better performance?
- Remember that performance = cost
- If we make it faster, we make it cheaper...

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ELASTIC FILE SYSTEM (AWS EFS)

- Traditionally AWS Lambda functions have been limited to 500MB of storage space
- Recently the Elastic File System (EFS) has been extended to support AWS Lambda
- The Elastic File System supports the creation of a shared volume like a shared disk (or folder)
 - EFS is similar to NFS (network file share)
 - Multiple AWS Lambda functions and/or EC2 VMs can mount and share the same EFS volume
 - Provides a shared R/W disk
 - Breaks the 500MB capacity barrier on AWS Lambda
- Downside: EFS is expensive: ~30 \$\psi/\text{GB/month}\$
- Project: EFS performance & scalability evaluation on Lambda

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CPUSTEAL



- CpuSteal: Metric that measures when a CPU core is ready to execute but the physical CPU core is busy and unavailable
- Symptom of over provisioning physical servers in the cloud
- Factors which cause CpuSteal:
 - 1. Physical CPU is shared by too many busy VMs
 - 2. Hypervisor kernel is using the CPU
 - On AWS Lambda this would be the Firecracker MicroVM which is derived from the KVM hypervisor
 - VM's CPU time share <100% for 1 or more cores, and 100% is needed for a CPU intensive workload.
- Man procfs press "/" type "proc/stat"
 - CpuSteal is the 8th column returned
 - Metric can be read using SAAF in tutorial #4

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CPUSTEAL CASE STUDY

- On AWS Lambda (or other FaaS platforms), when we run functions, how much CpuSteal do we observe?
- How does CpuSteal vary for different workloads? (e.g. functions that have different resource requirements)
- How does CpuSteal vary over time hour, day, week, location?
- How does CpuSteal relate to function performance?

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