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# Automating Incident Response In The Cloud with Splunk Adaptive Response & AWS Lambda

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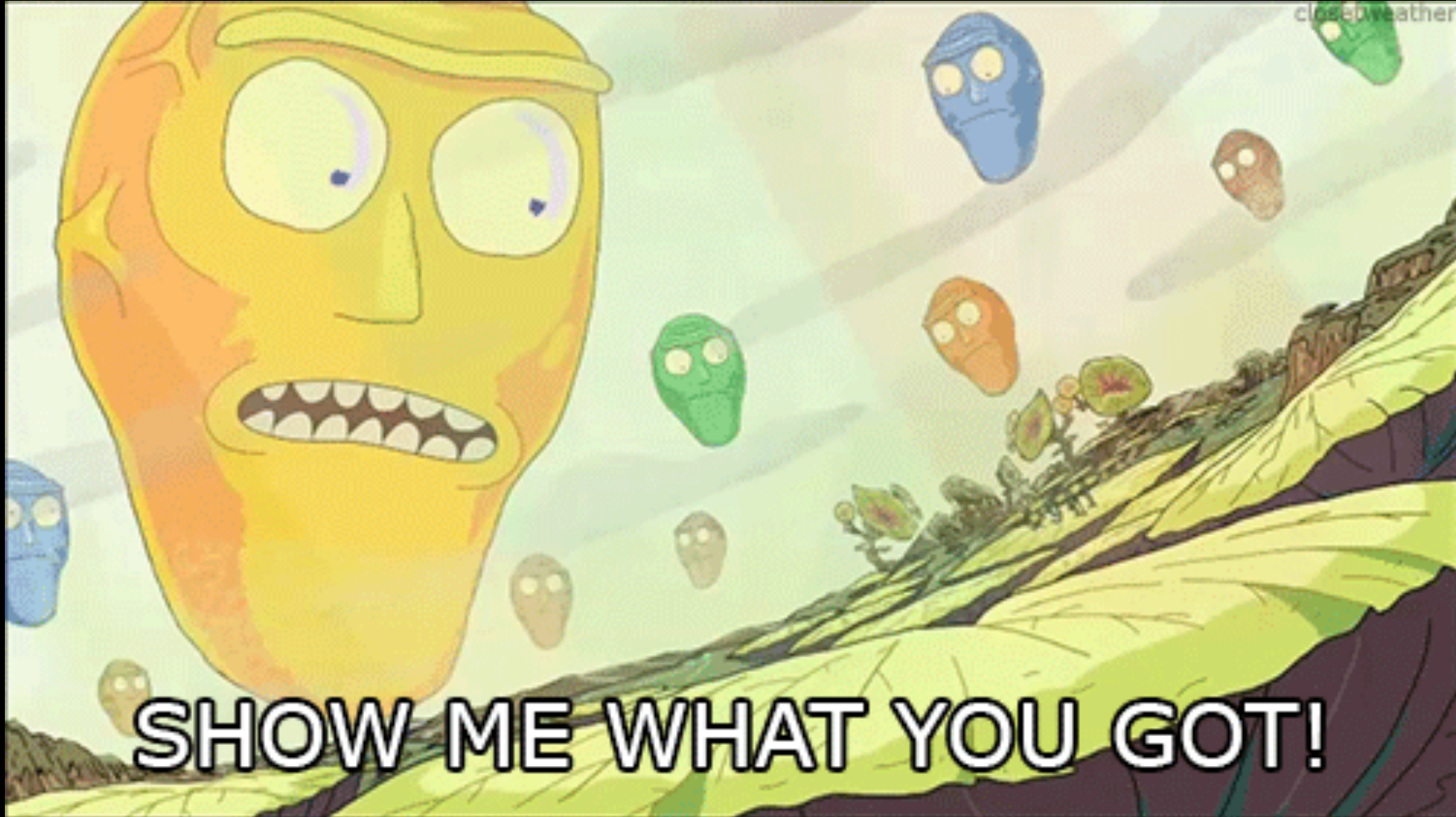
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# Introduction

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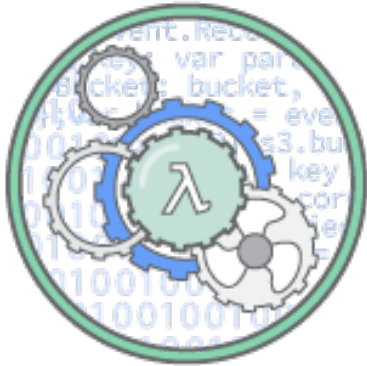
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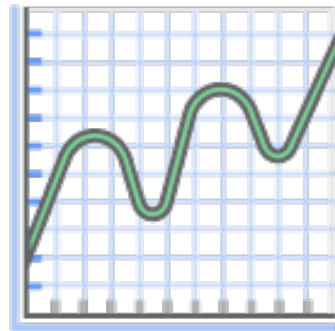
## No Servers to Manage



### AWS Lambda handles:

- Operations and management
- Provisioning and utilization
- Scaling
- Availability and fault tolerance

## Continuous Scaling



**Automatically scales your application**, running code in response to each trigger

Your code runs in parallel and **processes each trigger individually**, scaling precisely with the size of the workload

## Subsecond Metering

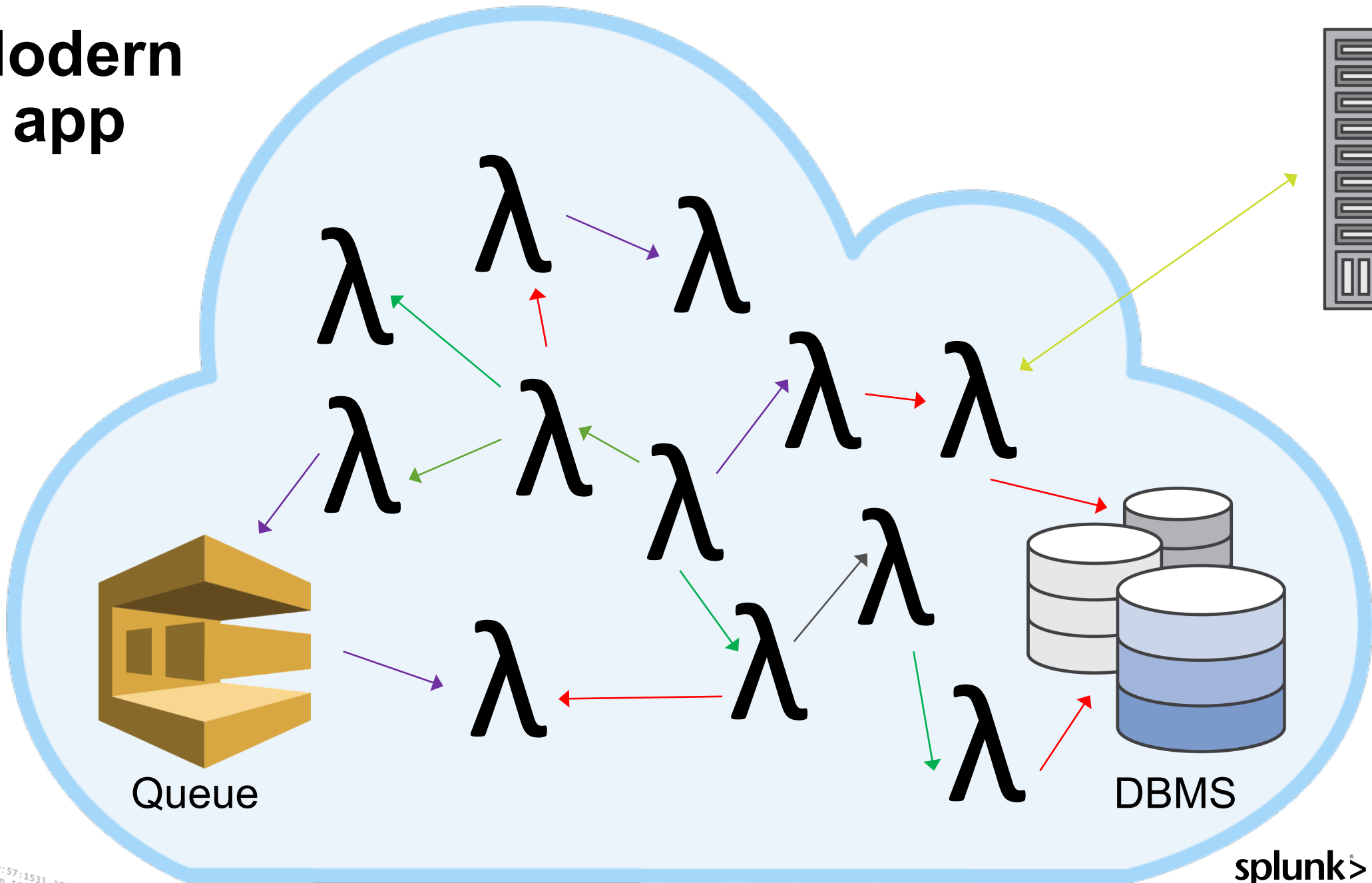


### Pricing

- CPU and Network scaled based on RAM (128 MB to 1500 MB)
- \$0.20 per 1M requests
- Price per 100ms



# Modern app

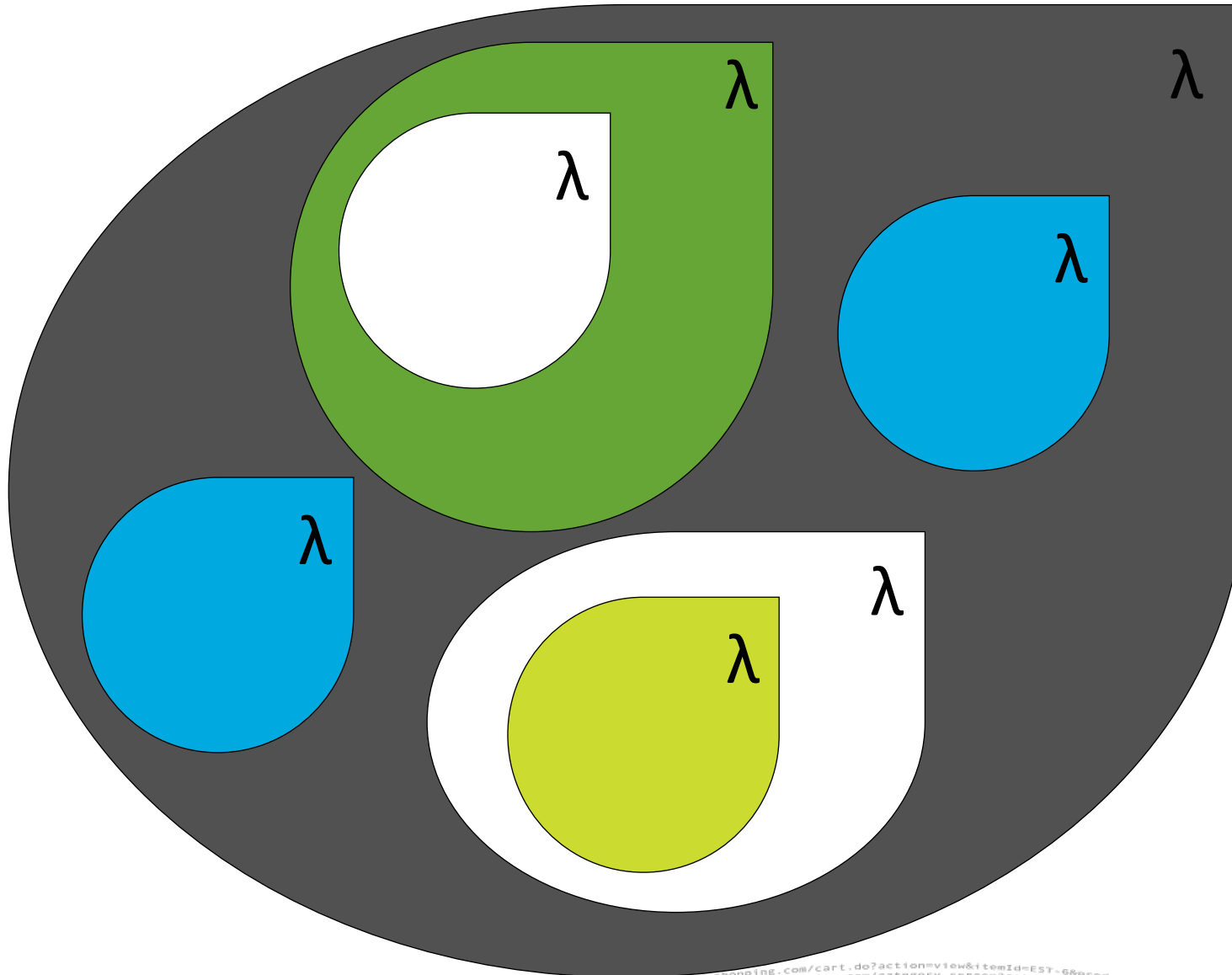


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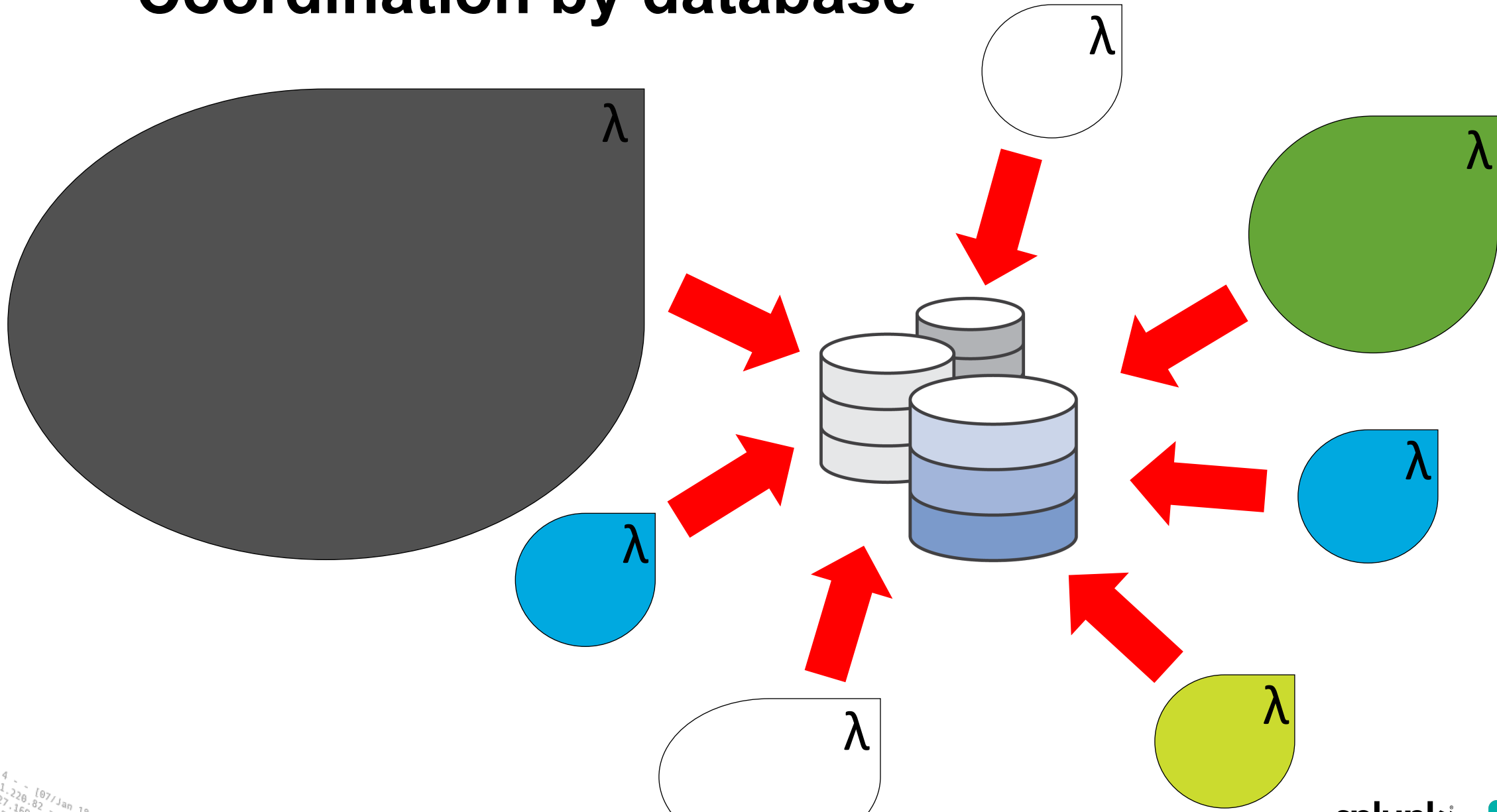
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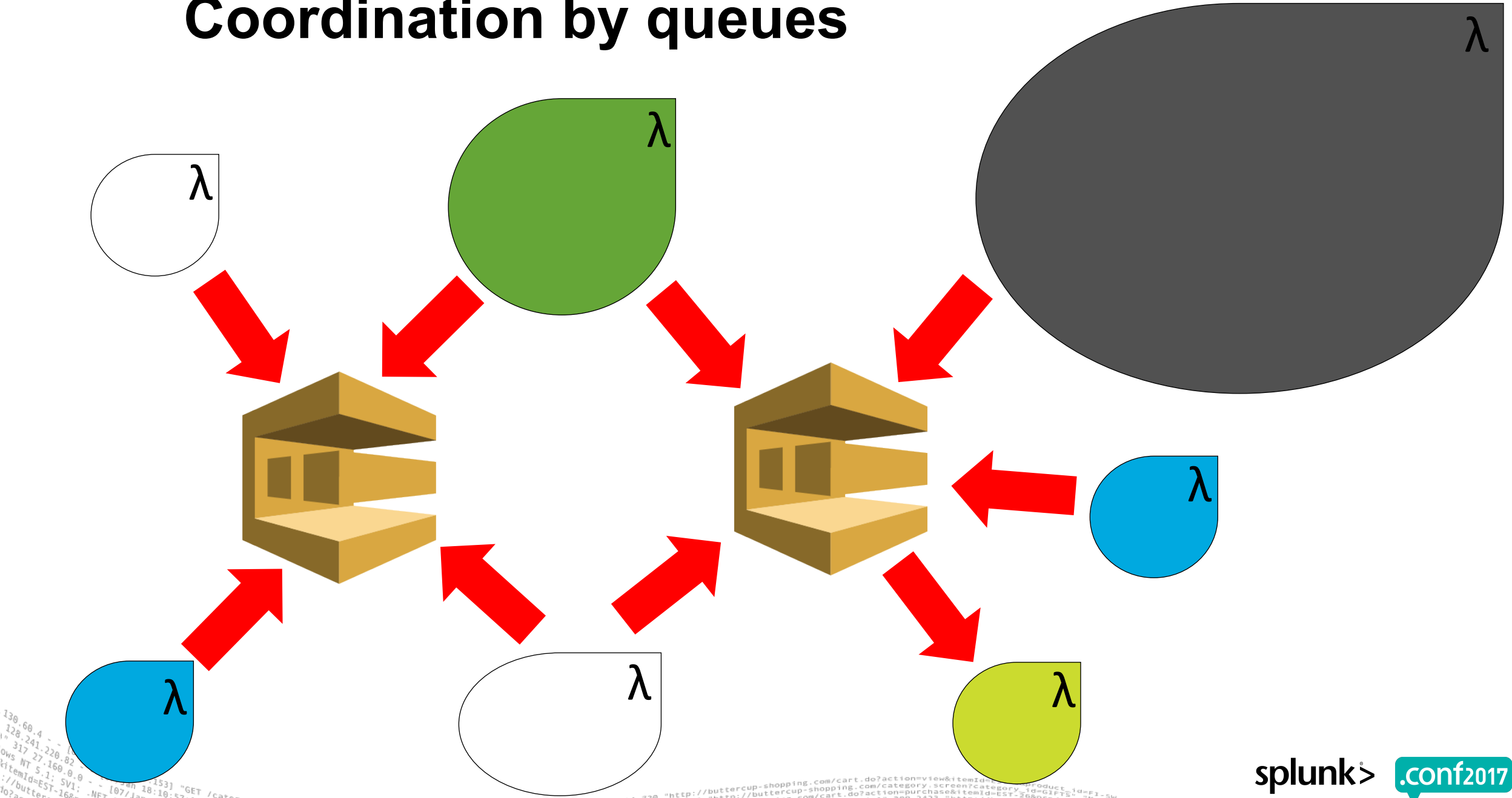


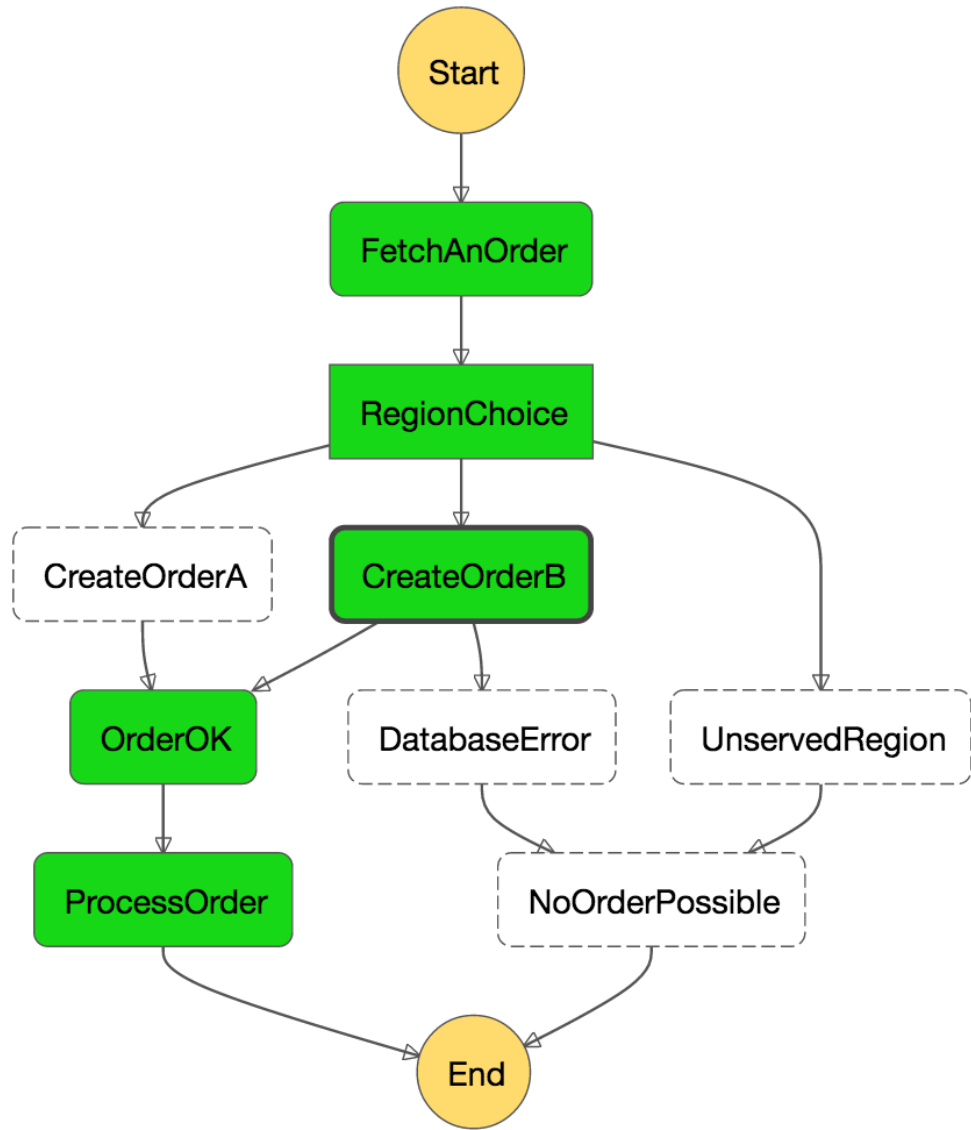
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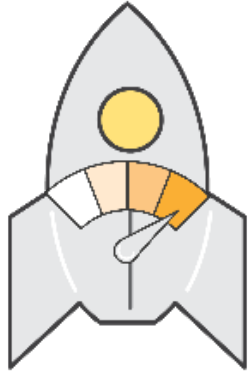
# AWS Step Functions





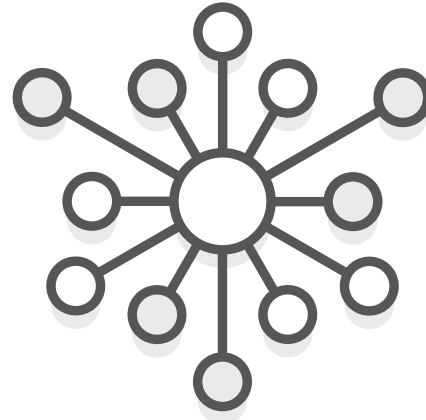
# Benefits of AWS Step Functions

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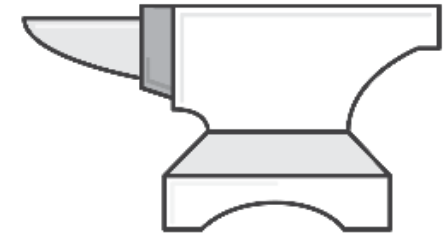
Easy to connect and coordinate distributed components and microservices to quickly create apps

## Agility



Diagnose and debug problems faster  
Adapt to change

## Resilience



Manages the operations and infrastructure of service coordination to ensure availability at scale, and under failure

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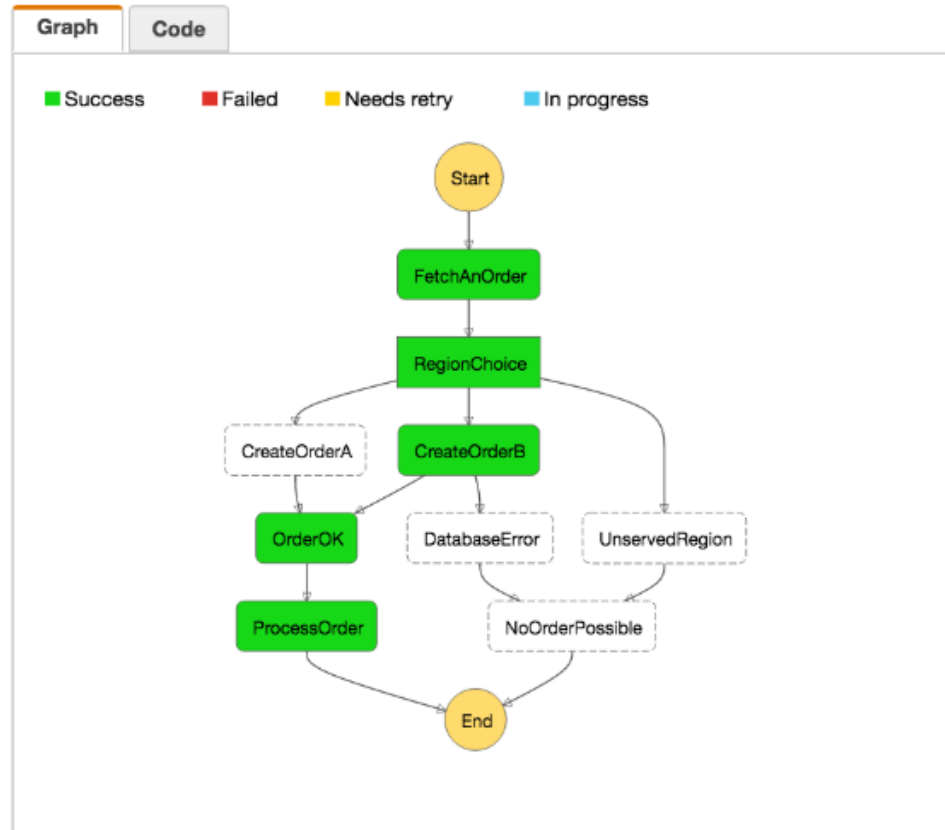


# Monitor Executions from the Console

Dashboard > Orderer > New\_Order

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New\_Order ✔



Execution Details

Info Input Output

**Execution Status**  
**Succeeded**

**State Machine Arn**  
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Nov 20, 2016 9:58:28 AM

**Closed**  
Nov 20, 2016 9:58:32 AM

Step Details

ID	Type	Timestamp
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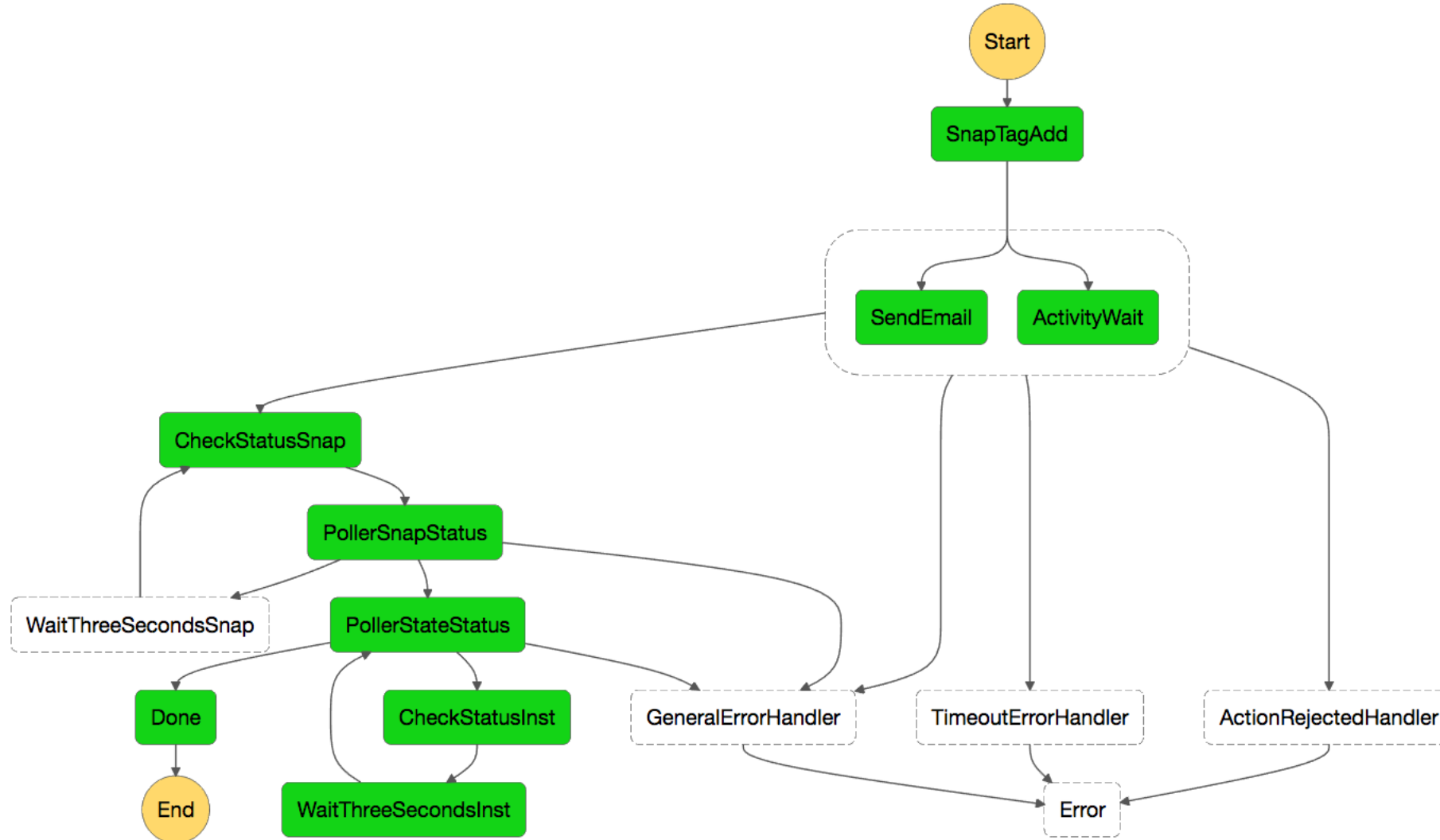






# Our Step Function

■ Success ■ Failed ■ Cancelled ■ In Progress



# Architecture



1

The Splunk AR framework flags an AWS instance as suspicious. A Splunk AR action passes this instance along to an API endpoint along with an API token. The Gateway launches a step function associated with the uri.

2

Snapshots are created for all volumes associated with flagged instance. Instance security group is updated to "ssh-only" for predetermined IPv4 and IPv6 ranges. Instance is tagged as "quarantined by Splunk".

4

The lambda function reaches out to the worker to collect the unique token. It uses SES to send an email to predetermined user/s containing two links (with the token as a uri parameter), one to approve and one to deny the action. These links are to preconfigured API gateway approve/deny uri's

3

In parallel, the AWS step function creates a worker (which waits for a trigger to move to the next state) and launches a lambda function.

4

The worker generates a one time token which needs to be passed to it with any Success/Failure update.

5

Depending on which link is selected by the user, the gateway will either reject the action and leave the step function, or continue the step function and call another lambda function.

6

By transitioning between this lambda function and the step function's wait state, This lambda function will effectively poll the snapshots to ensure they are complete before performing the terminate or stop action on the instance. After performing the action the step function ends

