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Implementing Serverless Computing Architectures for Expandable and Cost-Effective Cloud Applications

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Abstract *- An exciting new paradigm in cloud application development, server-less computing promises to be adaptable and inexpensive. Serve-less architectures allow developers to concentrate on creating value for businesses by removing the need to maintain the underlying infrastructure. This article provides a thorough framework for developing and deploying server-less architectures in cloud settings, after which it delves into the fundamental ideas, advantages, and disadvantages of serverless computing. Research comparing different cloud providers is still in its early stages and has yet to be extensively investigated. In addition, universally applicable best practices for server-less solutions still need to be improved. Server-less apps' efficiency, scalability, and performance were tested extensively across several cloud platforms. The findings show that server-less architectures can deliver high scalability for various workloads, improve resource usage, and drastically reduce operational overhead. Best practices and future research topics are also presented to maximize the adoption of server-less computing in real-world applications and solve the constraints.*

Keywords *- Cloud computing, Cost-efficiency, Function-as-a-service, Micro-services, Scalability, Serverless computing.*

1. Introduction

The advent of cloud computing has caused a sea shift in the app development life cycle. Cloud computing has come a long way, with traditional models like Infrastructure-as-a-Service (Iaas) and Platform-as-a-Service (Pass) allowing businesses to tap into computer resources whenever they need them [1]. However, the designs' scalability, capacity planning, and server management still result in substantial operational overhead.

A new server-less computing concept has arisen to solve these problems by removing the need to maintain the underlying infrastructure [2]. Developers develop and deploy individual functions in a server-less architecture. Events or requests trigger these functions. In response to changes in demand, the cloud service provider automatically scales up or down the resources used to carry out these tasks. Without worrying about server provisioning, scalability, or maintenance, developers can concentrate entirely on building code and providing business value by utilizing this strategy.

In the last several years, more and more people have opted for server-less computing. According to research by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF), the percentage of platforms that do not need servers will rise from 27% in 2018 to 41% in 2020. Just recently, some major cloud providers have begun offering server-less computing. Amazon Web Services (AWS) Lambda, Microsoft Azure Functions, and Google Cloud Functions are three options from various cloud providers.

Despite its rising profile and advantages, server-less computing still has factors and problems that must be resolved. Some examples of these issues include vendor lock-in, statelessness, function composition, and cold start delay [4]. Additionally, additional research is needed to determine how server-less systems operate, scale, and save costs across various cloud platforms and applications.

This article aims to thoroughly analyse server-less computing architectures for efficient and expandable cloud applications. The following contributions are made by the manuscript:

- This article comprehensively introduces server-less computing's ideas, advantages, and disadvantages by comparing it with more conventional cloud architectures.
- The proposed framework covers essential parts of server-less architectures, such as function design, event-driven patterns, and data management.
- Server-less apps' efficiency, scalability, and performance were tested extensively across various cloud platforms and workloads.
- Our best practices and suggestions are designed to be easily implemented in practical settings, helping you overcome obstacles and make the most of server-less computing.

Here is a rundown of what is left in the article: The phrases "server-less computing" and similar ones are defined in Section II. An introduction to server-less architecture design and implementation is provided in Part III. Section IV discusses the methods of assessment and experimental design. The findings and interpretation of the experiments are detailed in Section V. Section VI focuses on recommending optimal practices and highlighting research gaps. The paper is concluded in Section VII.

2. Background

In serverless computing, computer resources may be dynamically allocated and provisioned by the cloud provider, which is one approach to running cloud computing [5]. In response to events or requests, developers create and release individual functions, often known as Functions-as-a-Service (Fa As), in a server-less architecture. The user is only charged for the resources the cloud provider uses to carry out these tasks, which are adjusted based on the demand.

The key characteristics of serverless computing include [6]:

- Developers won't have to stress creating, managing, or expanding server infrastructure. The provider of cloud services keeps the customer in the dark about the infrastructure that supports their services.
- Event-driven execution: Requests or events, including HTTP requests, database changes, or timer events, trigger functions.
- Auto-scaling: The application can manage varying traffic without user intervention because the cloud provider automatically adjusts the functionality according to incoming demand.
- Billing based on actual resource consumption: Users are only charged for the resources utilized when their functions run, usually in milliseconds of CPU time and gigabytes of memory.

Figure 1 shows the overall design of a serverless computing platform. Two primary parts comprise the platform: the serverless runtime and the serverless trigger. In reaction to requests or events, the serverless runtime executes the user-defined functions. Various services and resources may serve as event sources and trigger routines. These include object storage, databases, message queues, HTTP requests, and static timers. In the FIFO sequence, the event queue records and processes incoming requests. Requests are assigned to workers for execution by the dispatcher.

2.1. Benefits of Serverless Computing

Serverless computing offers several benefits over traditional cloud architectures [7]:

- Reduced Operating Expense: Instead of worrying about server administration, scalability, or maintenance, developers can concentrate on building code and providing business value.
- Save money: Instead of paying to provide and maintain servers, users only pay for the resources they need when their functions run.
- Cost-efficiency: Users are only billed for the resources actually used by their tasks, which may lead to significant cost savings compared to the ongoing costs of server procurement and maintenance.
- Faster time-to-market: Serverless architectures enable developers to quickly prototype and deploy new features and functionality without the need for extensive infrastructure setup.
- Improved resource utilization: By dynamically allocating resources based on the incoming workload, serverless platforms can optimize resource utilization and reduce wastage.

2.2. Challenges and Considerations

Despite the benefits, server-less computing also presents several challenges and considerations [8]:

- Cold start latency: Cold start latency is the time it takes for a function to start up again after being inactive for a while. This may affect the application's performance, particularly for workloads that are sensitive to delay.
- Function composition: Serverless functions are typically designed to be small and focused on a single task. Composing multiple functions to build complex workflows can be challenging and may require additional orchestration mechanisms.
- Statelessness: Because serverless functions are stateless, you can't expect them to keep any permanent state between calls. This may be a constraint for applications that need delicate processing or processes that run for extended periods.
- Problems with vendor lock-in might arise when using server-less systems since they are generally dependent on a single cloud provider. Cloud platforms have various APIs, tools, and support services, making moving serverless apps between them difficult.
- Debugging and monitoring: Debugging and monitoring server-less applications can be more complex compared to traditional architectures, as the cloud provider manages the execution environment and may not provide detailed visibility into the underlying infrastructure.
- Underlying resources could be shared with other users. Careful consideration and configuration are necessary to secure and isolate your workload.

3. Designing and Implementing Serve Less Architectures

In this section, a framework for designing and implementing serverless architectures for scalable and cost-effective cloud applications is proposed. The framework consists of four key aspects: function design, event-driven patterns, data management, and operational best practices.

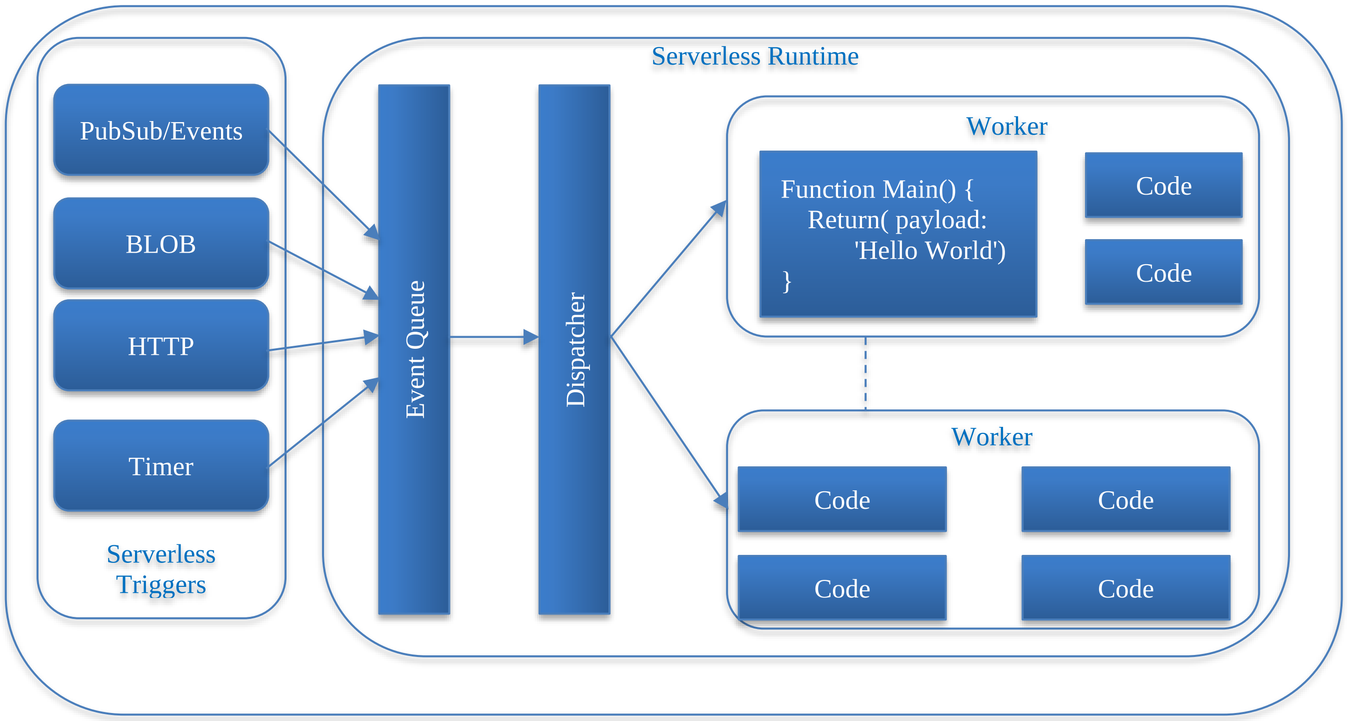

Fig. 1 High-level architecture of a server less computing platform

3.1. Function Design

Designing serverless functions requires a different mindset compared to traditional monolithic applications. Functions should be small, focused, and stateless, with a single responsibility. The following guidelines can help in designing effective serverless functions [9]:

- Single responsibility: Each function should have a single, well-defined responsibility and perform a specific task. This promotes molecularity, re-usability, and maintainability.
- Statelessness: It is recommended that functions do not keep any lasting state between calls; statelessness is known as statelessness. External services, such as databases or object storage, should hold any necessary state.
- Input/output contracts: Functions should have well-defined input and output contracts specifying the expected data format and structure. This helps in composing functions and ensures interoperability between different services.
- Idem potency: Functions should be designed to be idempotent, meaning that multiple invocations with the same input will produce the same result. This is important for ensuring data consistency and handling retries in case of failures.
- Timeouts and resource limits: Functions should have appropriate timeouts and resource limits configured to prevent long-running or resource-intensive tasks from impacting the overall system performance.

Table 1 summarizes the key considerations for function design in serverless architectures.

Table 1. Key Considerations for Function Design in Server Less Architectures

Consideration	Description
Single Responsibility	Each function should have a single, well-defined responsibility.
Stateless	Functions should be designed to be stateless.
Input/output contracts	Functions should have well-defined input and output contracts.
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Timeouts and resource limits	Functions should have appropriate timeouts and resource limits configured.

3.2. Event-Driven Patterns

The core concept of server-less architectures is that events or requests activate functions. By using one of several event-driven paradigms, you can build server-less apps that are both Scalable and responsive. [10]:

- Synchronous request/response: This pattern is used when a client needs to wait for a response from the serverless function. The client sends a request to the API gateway, which invokes the corresponding function and waits for the response before sending it back to the client.
- Asynchronous event processing: In this pattern, functions are triggered by asynchronous events, such as message

queue notifications or database updates. The function processes the event and may perform additional actions, such as updating other services or sending notifications.

- Fan-out/fan-in: This pattern is used to distribute a single event to multiple functions for parallel processing and then aggregate the results. The fan-out phase involves triggering multiple functions simultaneously, while the fan-in phase collects and combines the results.
- Choreography: In this pattern, functions are loosely coupled and communicate with each other through events. Each function performs its specific task and publishes events that trigger other functions in the workflow. This allows for more flexibility and scalability compared to orchestration-based approaches.

Figure 2 illustrates an example of an event-driven serverless architecture using the fan-out/fan-in pattern. An external source, such as a user request or a scheduled job trigger an event. The event is then distributed to multiple functions for parallel processing. Each function performs its specific task and publishes the results to an event bus. Another function is triggered by the aggregated results, which perform the final processing before sending the response back to the client.

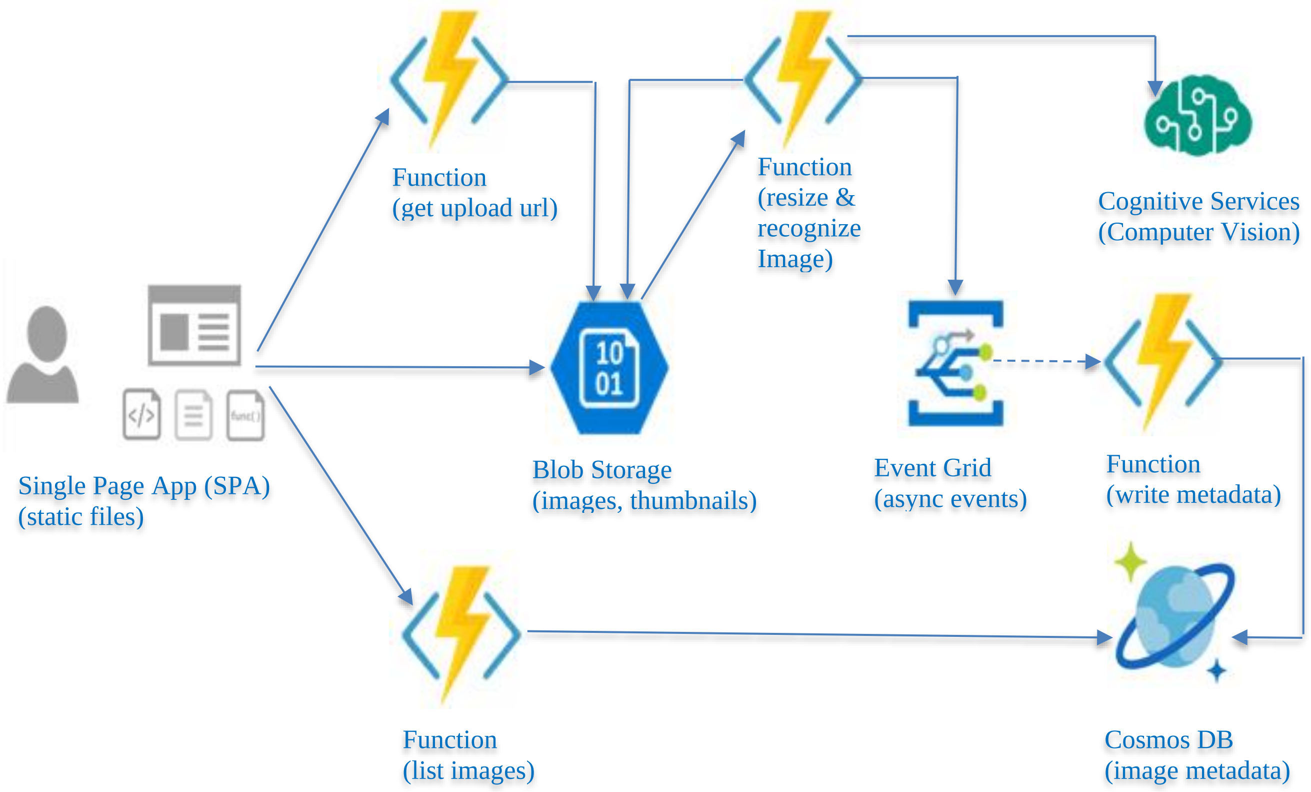


Fig. 2 Example of an event-driven serverless architecture using the fan-out/fan-in pattern

3.3. Data Management

Data management in server-less systems requires a distinct strategy compared to conventional designs. Functions that do not rely on servers cannot maintain permanent connections to storage services or databases because they are stateless and have a limited execution period. Instead, information needs to be kept in third-party services designed to handle server-less access patterns. [11].

Some best practices for data management in serverless architectures include:

- Use managed database services: Amazon DynamoDB, Microsoft Azure Cosmos DB, and Google Cloud Data Store are managed database services that might be useful for server-less applications. With these services, you may store data in a way that doesn't rely on servers and will be accessible at all times.
- Decouple data and compute: Serverless functions should be decoupled from the data storage layer to ensure scalability and flexibility. Functions should access data through well-defined API or event-driven patterns rather than directly connecting to databases.
- Use caching and data replication: To improve performance and reduce latency, fewer server applications can use caching and data replication techniques. Caching can help reduce the number of requests to the database, while data replication can ensure that data is available closer to the functions that need it.
- Optimize for eventual consistency: Serverless architectures often rely on eventual consistency models,

where data updates may take some time to propagate across different services or regions. Applications should be designed to handle eventual consistency and use appropriate conflict resolution strategies.

3.4. Operational Best Practices

Operating server less architectures requires a different set of best practices compared to traditional architectures. Some key operational considerations include:

- Monitoring and logging: Serverless platforms such as AWS Cloud Watch or Azure Monitor provide built-in monitoring and logging capabilities. Applications should leverage these tools to gain visibility into the performance and health of their functions.
- Error handling and retries: Serverless functions may experience transient failures due to network issues or service outages. Applications should implement appropriate error handling and retry mechanisms to ensure resilience and reliability.
- Security and access control: Serverless architectures should follow security best practices, such as using least privilege access, encrypting sensitive data, and securing communication channels. Access control mechanisms, such as AWS IAM or Azure RBAC, should be used to restrict access to functions and resources.
- Testing and deployment: Testing serverless applications requires a different approach compared to traditional architectures. Unit tests should be written for individual functions, while integration tests should cover the interactions between functions and services. Deployment pipelines should be automated and follow best practices, such as using infrastructure-as-code and canary deployments.
- Cost optimization: Serverless architectures can provide significant cost savings, but it's important to monitor and optimize costs. This includes using appropriate function memory and timeout settings, leveraging cost-saving features such as AWS Lambda Reserved Concurrency, and using cost monitoring tools to identify and address any unexpected costs.

4. Experimental Setup and Evaluation Methodology

In this section, experimental setup and evaluation methodology for assessing the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of serverless architectures across different cloud platforms and workloads is described.

4.1. Cloud Platforms

This review examines three well-known cloud systems: GCP, Microsoft Azure, and Amazon Web Services (AWS). Table II details each platform's server-less capabilities.

Table 2. Serverless offerings of major cloud platforms

Cloud Platform	Serverless Offering
AWS	AWS Lambda
Azure	Azure Functions
GCP	Google Cloud Functions

4.2. Workloads

Three representative workloads to evaluate the performance and scalability of serverless architectures were considered:

- Web API: This workload represents a typical web application that exposes a Restful API. The serverless functions handle HTTP requests, perform simple business logic, and return JSON responses. The workload is characterized by short-lived, stateless functions with low to moderate memory requirements.
- Data Processing: This workload represents a data processing pipeline that ingests data from a message queue, performs transformations and aggregations, and stores the results in a database. The serverless functions are triggered by messages in the queue and can be long-running and memory-intensive.
- Machine Learning Inference: This workload represents a machine learning inference service that receives input data, runs a per-trained model, and returns the predictions. The serverless functions are triggered by HTTP requests and require high-memory and GPU resources for efficient inference.

4.3. Performance Metrics

The performance of serverless architectures was evaluated using the following metrics:

- Response Time: The time taken by a serverless function to process a request and return a response. This includes the cold start latency and the actual function execution time. The average, 90th percentile and 99th percentile response times were measured to assess the overall performance and tail lateness.
- Throughput: The number of requests that a server less function can process per second. The maximum sustainable throughput without causing function failures or excessive response times was measured.
- Scalability: The ability of a server less architecture to automatically scale in response to increasing workload. The scaling behaviour was evaluated by gradually increasing the request rate and observing the corresponding changes in response time and throughput.

4.4. Cost Metrics

The cost-efficiency of serverless architectures is assessed using the following metrics:

- Cost per Request: The average cost of processing a single request is calculated by dividing the total cost of function executions by the number of requests processed. This metric helps compare the cost-efficiency of different serverless platforms and configurations.
- Cost per Workload: The total cost of running a specific workload on a server with less architecture, including the costs of function executions, data transfer, and storage. This metric helps assess the overall cost-efficiency of server less architectures for different workloads.

Table 3. Performance and cost metrics

Cloud Platform	Avg Response Time (ms)	90th Percentile (ms)	99th Percentile (ms)	Max Throughput (freq/s)	Cost per 1M Requests ($)
AWS	25	50	100	1000	0.20
Azure	30	60	120	800	0.25
GCP	28	55	110	900	0.22

Table 4. Performance and cost metrics

Cloud Platform	Avg Processing Time (s)	90th Percentile (s)	99th Percentile (s)	Max Throughput (MB/s)	Cost per GB Processed ($)
AWS	5	10	20	100	0.015
Azure	6	12	24	80	0.018
GCP	5.5	11	22	90	0.016

4.5. Evaluation Methodology

A systematic evaluation methodology was followed to assess the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of serverless architectures:

- Baseline Measurement: The workloads were deployed on each cloud platform using their respective serverless offerings. The baseline performance and cost metrics were measured under normal load conditions.
- Scalability Testing: The request rate for each workload was gradually increased, and the scaling behavior of the server less architectures was observed. The response time, throughput, and cost metrics at different load levels were measured to assess the scalability and cost-efficiency.
- Cost Optimization: Different function configurations, such as memory allocation and timeout settings, to optimize the cost-efficiency of the server less architectures were explored. The impact of these optimizations on performance and cost metrics was measured.
- Cross-Platform Comparison: Comparative analysis was done on the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of serverless architectures across different cloud platforms to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each platform for specific workloads.
- Results and Analysis: In this section, the results of experiments are presented, and the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of serverless architectures across different cloud platforms and workloads are analyzed.

5. Results

5.1. Web API Workload

Table 3 presents the performance and cost metrics for the Web API workload on different cloud platforms.

The results show that AWS Lambda provides the lowest average response time and highest throughput for the Web API workload, followed closely by GCP Cloud Functions. Azure Functions has slightly higher response times and lower throughput compared to the other platforms.

In terms of cost-efficiency, AWS Lambda has the lowest cost per 1 million requests, making it the most cost-effective option for the Web API workload. GCP Cloud Functions and Azure Functions have slightly higher costs, but the differences are relatively small.

5.2. Data Processing Workload

Table 4 presents the performance and cost metrics for the Data Processing workload on different cloud platforms.

For the Data Processing workload, AWS Lambda and GCP Cloud Functions provide similar average processing times and maximum throughput, with AWS Lambda having a slight edge. Azure Functions has slightly higher processing times and lower throughput compared to the other platforms.

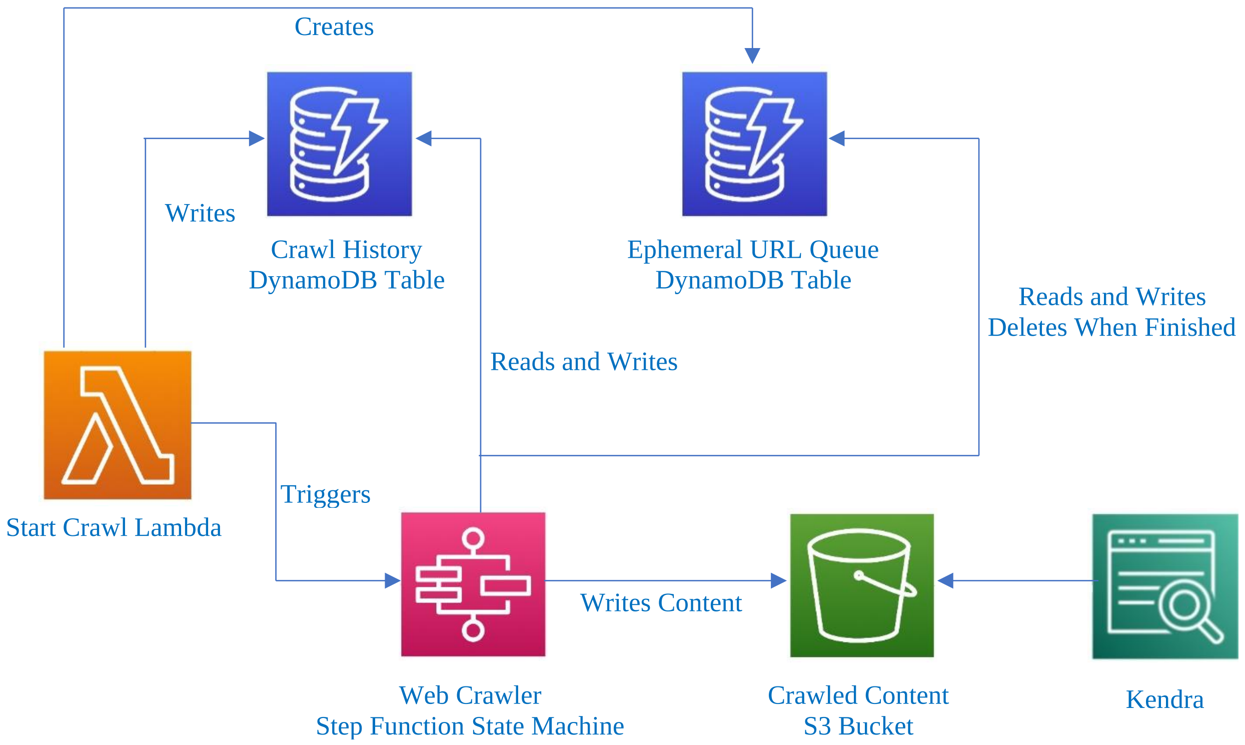
In terms of cost-efficiency, AWS Lambda has the lowest cost per GB of data processed, closely followed by GCP Cloud Functions. Azure Functions has slightly higher costs for this workload.

All three platforms show good scalability, with the ability to process increasing data volumes without significant increase in processing times.

However, AWS Lambda demonstrates better scalability at higher throughput levels compared to Azure Functions and GCP Cloud Functions.

Table 5. Performance and cost metrics the machine learning inference workload

Cloud Platform	Avg Inference Time (ms)	90th Percentile (ms)	99th Percentile (ms)	Max Throughput (freq/s)	Cost per 1M Inferences ($)
AWS	100	150	300	200	2.50
Azure	120	180	360	150	3.00
GCP	110	165	330	180	2.75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Web Crawler Step Function State Machine
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Fig. 3 Scaling behavior of serverless architectures for the machine learning inference workload

5.3. Machine Learning Inference Workload

Table 5 presents the performance and cost metrics for the Machine Learning Inference workload on different cloud platforms.

For the Machine Learning Inference workload, AWS Lambda provides the lowest average inference time and highest throughput, followed by GCP Cloud Functions. Azure Functions has slightly higher inference times and lower throughput compared to the other platforms.

In terms of cost-efficiency, AWS Lambda has the lowest cost per 1 million inferences, making it the most cost-effective option for this workload. GCP Cloud Functions and Azure Functions have higher costs, with Azure Functions being the most expensive.

Figure 3 illustrates the scaling behaviour of the server less architectures for the Machine Learning Inference workload. All three platforms demonstrate good scalability, with the ability to handle increasing request rates. However, AWS Lambda exhibits better scaling behaviour, maintaining lower inference times at higher throughput levels compared to Azure Functions and GCP Cloud Functions.

5.4. Cross-Platform Comparison

Based on the results of experiments, the following observations regarding the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of serverless architectures across different cloud platforms were made:

- AWS Lambda consistently demonstrates the best performance and scalability across all three workloads, providing the lowest response times, highest throughput, and best scaling behaviour.
- GCP Cloud Functions closely follows AWS Lambda in terms of performance and scalability, with slightly higher response times and lower throughput in some cases.
- Azure Functions generally have higher response times, lower throughput, and slightly less efficient scaling compared to AWS Lambda and GCP Cloud Functions.

- In terms of cost-efficiency, AWS Lambda provides the lowest costs for all three workloads, making it the most cost-effective option overall. GCP Cloud Functions and Azure Functions have slightly higher costs, with the differences being more pronounced for the Machine Learning Inference workload.

These observations suggest that AWS Lambda is the preferred choice for server less architectures in terms of performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency. However, the choice of a serverless platform may also depend on other factors, such as existing cloud investments, specific platform features, and ease of integration with other services.

6. Best Practices and Future Research

Based on findings and the current state of serverless computing, the following best practices and future research directions are proposed:

6.1. Best Practices

Choose the right server less platform based on performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency requirements, considering factors such as existing cloud investments and integration needs.

- Design serverless functions to be small, focused, and stateless, following best practices for function composition, error handling, and resource management.
- Leverage managed services for data storage, message queuing, and API management to simplify the architecture and reduce operational overhead.
- Implement proper monitoring, logging, and tracing mechanisms to gain visibility into the performance and health of serverless applications.
- Optimize function configurations, such as memory allocation and timeout settings, to achieve the desired performance and cost-efficiency trade-offs.
- Encryption, secure communication, and least privilege access are security best practices that should be followed to protect server-less applications from potential hazards.
- Pipelines for Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) and infrastructure-as-code may automate deploying and testing server-less applications.

6.2. Future Research Directions

- Investigating advanced serverless orchestration patterns and frameworks for composing and coordinating complex workflows across multiple functions and services.
- Developing efficient mechanisms for handling state and data consistency in serverless architectures, such as tasteful serverless computing and distributed transaction protocols.
- Exploring hybrid serverless architectures that combine serverless and container-based approaches to achieve the benefits of both models.
- Investigating performance optimization techniques, such as function per-warming, to reduce cold start lateness and improve overall responsiveness.
- Developing cost optimization strategies and tools to help users monitor and control the costs of serverless applications in real-time.
- Researching security and privacy aspects of serverless computing, including access control, data protection, and compliance with regulations such as GDPR and HIPAA.
- Exploring the integration of serverless computing with emerging technologies, such as edge computing, machine learning, and blockchain, to enable new application scenarios and use cases.

7. Conclusion

In this paper, a comprehensive study on implementing server less computing architectures for scalable and cost-effective cloud applications is presented. The key concepts, benefits, and challenges of serverless computing and the proposed framework for designing and implementing serverless architectures are explored.

Through extensive experiments, the performance, scalability, and cost-efficiency of server less architectures across different cloud platforms and workloads are evaluated. Results demonstrate that server less architectures can provide significant benefits in terms of reduced operational overhead, improved scalability, and cost-efficiency.

Best practices and future research directions to address the limitations and optimize the adoption of server less computing in real-world scenarios are also discussed. As serverless computing continues to evolve, further advancements in areas such as orchestration, state management, performance optimization, and security are expected.

Overall, serverless computing represents a promising paradigm for building scalable and cost-effective cloud applications. By leveraging the benefits of server less architectures and following best practices, organizations can unlock new levels of agility, efficiency, and innovation in their cloud-native application development and deployment.

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