

The Hitchhiker's  
Guide to  
“Serverless”  
JavaScript

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“Serverless”

# Your Buzzword for 2016: Serverless

What the hell is Serverless? To be honest, I can give you an answer, but I can't guarantee it's the right one. It's the new buzzword for 2016 from 2012. Either way I'm going to attempt it.

It's not a market segment, it's not a product and it's not a new way of working. It's all of that and more. To be very mundane and obvious, it's about doing stuff without servers. It's what is required to free ourselves of servers, and the behaviour that is driven by operating without servers, is what is going to change the way we meet user needs.

Every user need that is met through software will be addressed with a direct functional requirement, for example "*I need the current time*". In addition to the direct requirement there will always be at least three additional implied requirements of **performance**, **availability** and **security**. To extend the

“Serverless”



there are  
still servers...

~~servers~~  
platforms!

\* as a Service

Database-aaS

Caching-aaS

Logging-aaS

Metrics-aaS

Servers-aaS

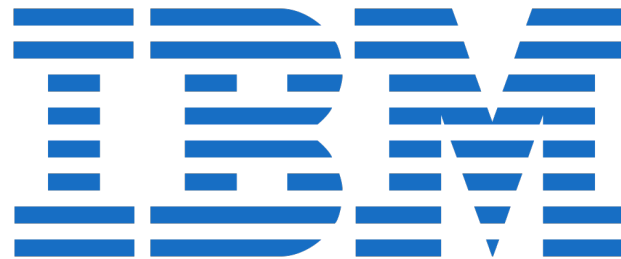
business logic?

Functions-as-a-Service

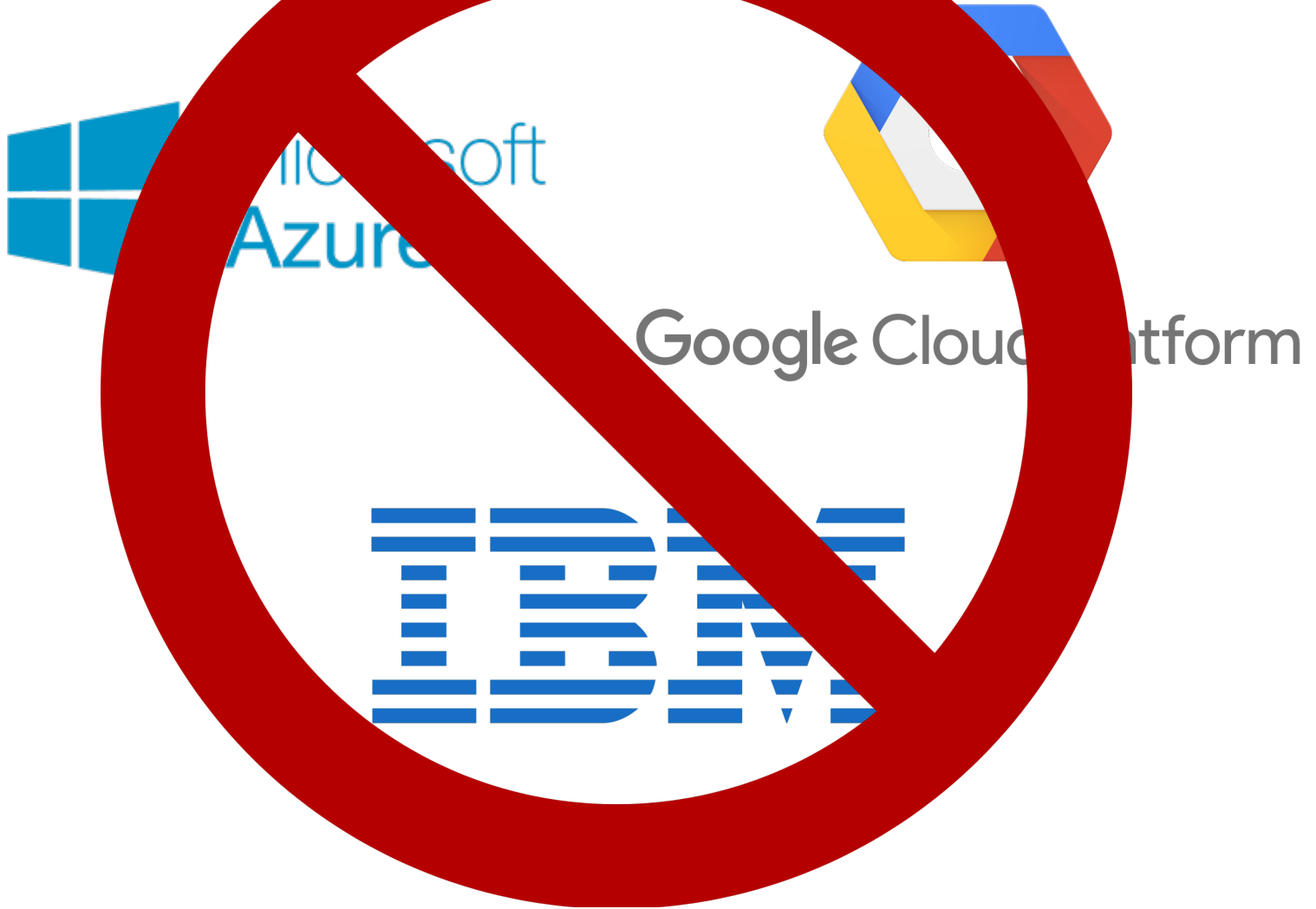
```
myApp(request)  
#=> response
```



Google Cloud Platform









**amazon**  
**web services™**

Lambda  
+  
API Gateway

Functions-as-a-Service

+

Routing-as-a-Service

\$ per request

scales  
magically\*

# Lambda



```
write code  
zip  
upload  
function()
```



node

java

python

C#

shim

+

rust/go/haskell

```
function(event, context, cb){  
    cb(null, 'Hello World')  
}
```

versioning

aliases

RAM + CPU

logging

non-http events

# API Gateway



swagger

or

click a lot

cache/throttle  
authorization  
api keys  
logging/metrics  
custom domains  
ssl

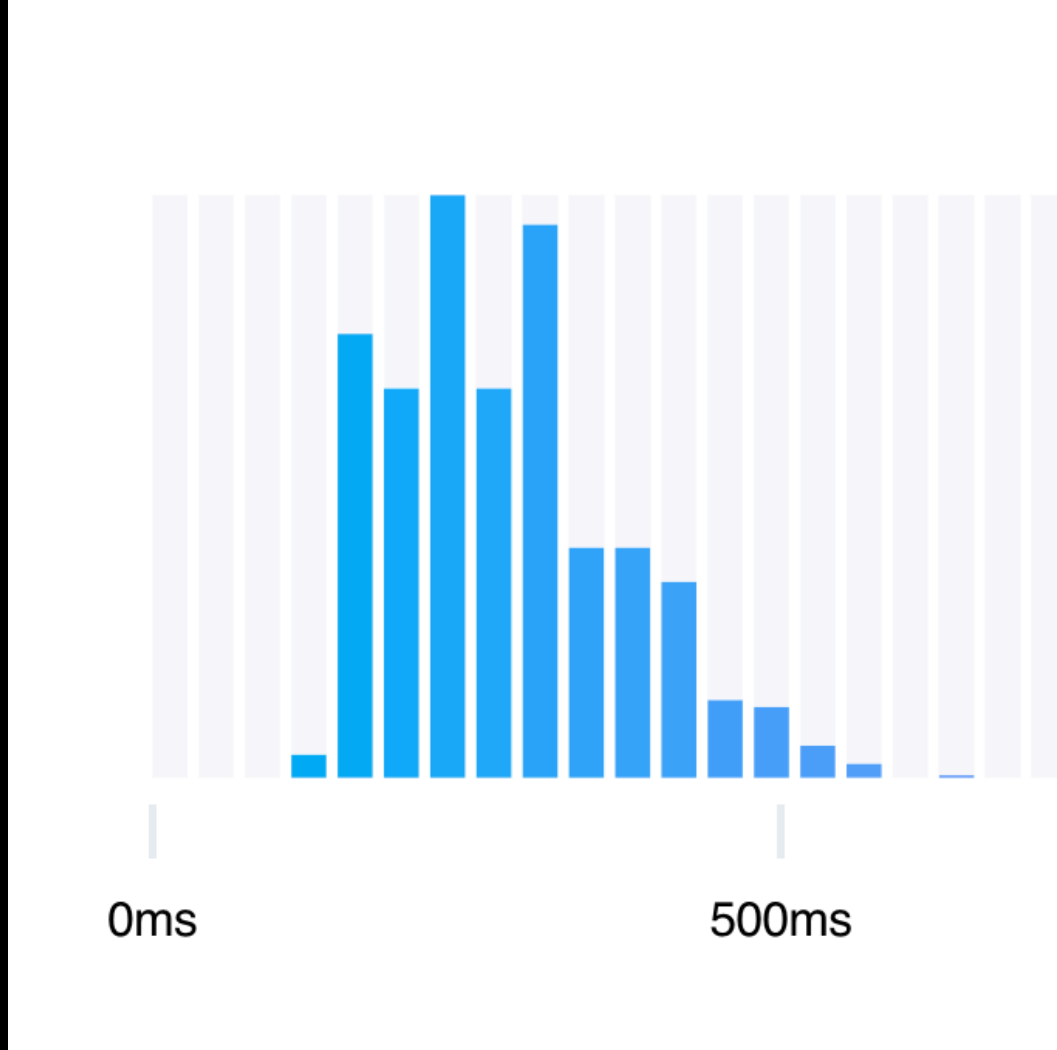
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10-20 million  
calls per day

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frontend



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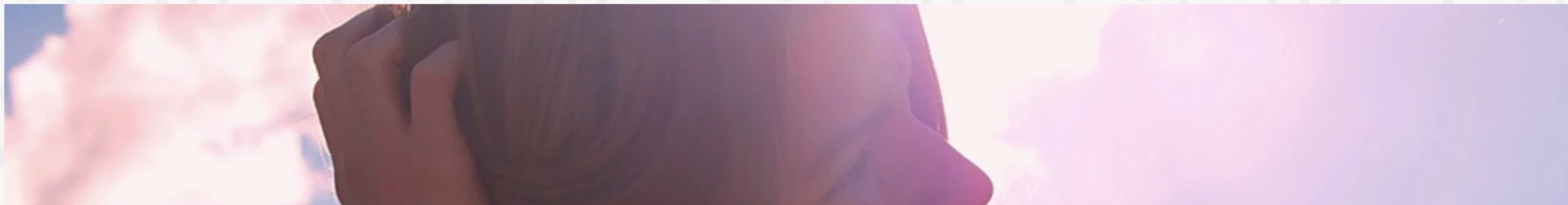
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html + js

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API Gateway

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S3    Lambda (SSR)

Ember

~~Ember~~

Riot



~~Ember~~

~~Riot~~

Preact

why  
preact?

components

simple

small

backend

[graphiq1.bustle.com](http://graphiq1.bustle.com)

JSON

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API Gateway

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Lambda

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dynamoDB    redis\*

Ruby

~~Ruby~~

JS (REST)



~~Ruby~~

~~JS (REST)~~

Purescript



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 **Follow**



Riak is the Haskell of databases. It sacrifices UX for correctness, so no one uses it

RETWEETS

**25**

LIKES

**53**



~~Ruby~~

~~JS (REST)~~

~~Purescript~~

JS (GraphQL)

why graphql?

graphiQL

*types*

field  
resolution

data\_loader



why serverless?

ops

#noops

#noops

benchmarks  
fallbacks  
load testing  
monitoring  
#lessops



1  $\rightarrow$  1000 rps

1000  $\rightarrow$  0 rps



*iteration*

single function  
deployments

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events

API

ec2

~\$2500/mo

Lambda  
api gateway  
~\$400/mo

why not?

lock in



```
const express = require('express')
const fn = require('./lambda-fn/')
const app = express()

app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  fn.handler(null, null, (err, result) => {
    res.json(result)
  })
});

app.listen(3000)
```

cold functions

```
const data = loadBigData() // Takes 15s
```

```
module.exports.handler = function(e,ctx,cb){  
  processBigData(data, cb)  
}
```

long tasks

5 min max

s3 (3GB)

Lambda

Kinesis Firehose

Elasticsearch

testing

test in  
the c1oud?



tools!

serverless framework

node-lambda

apex

claudia.js

*Sheep*

```
npm install -g shep
```

JavaScript Only

no CF

swagger

webpack

environments

```
shep new my-api  
shep generate endpoint  
shep deploy production
```

questions?

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