



# An Introduction to Microservices with the Serverless Framework



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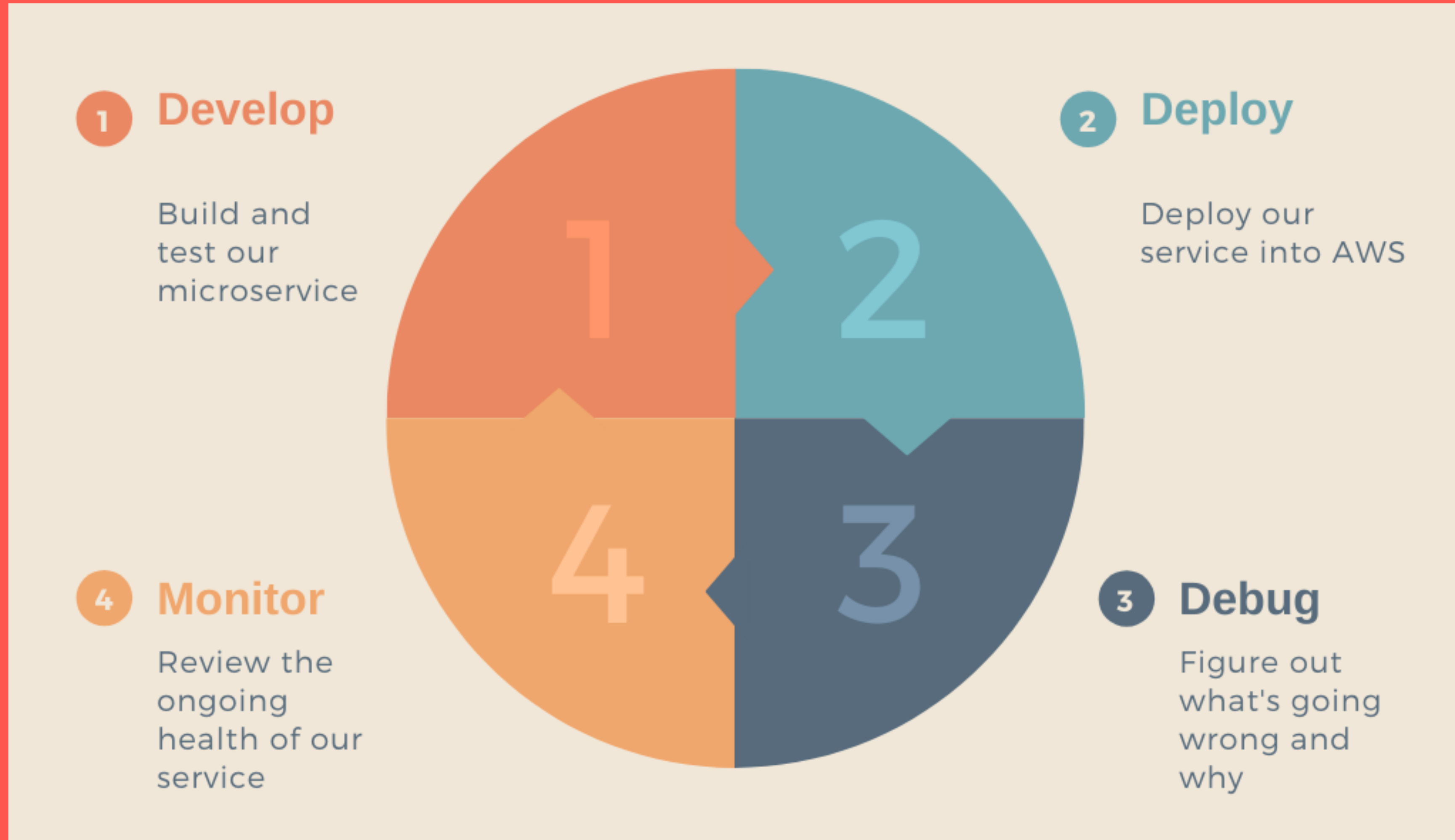
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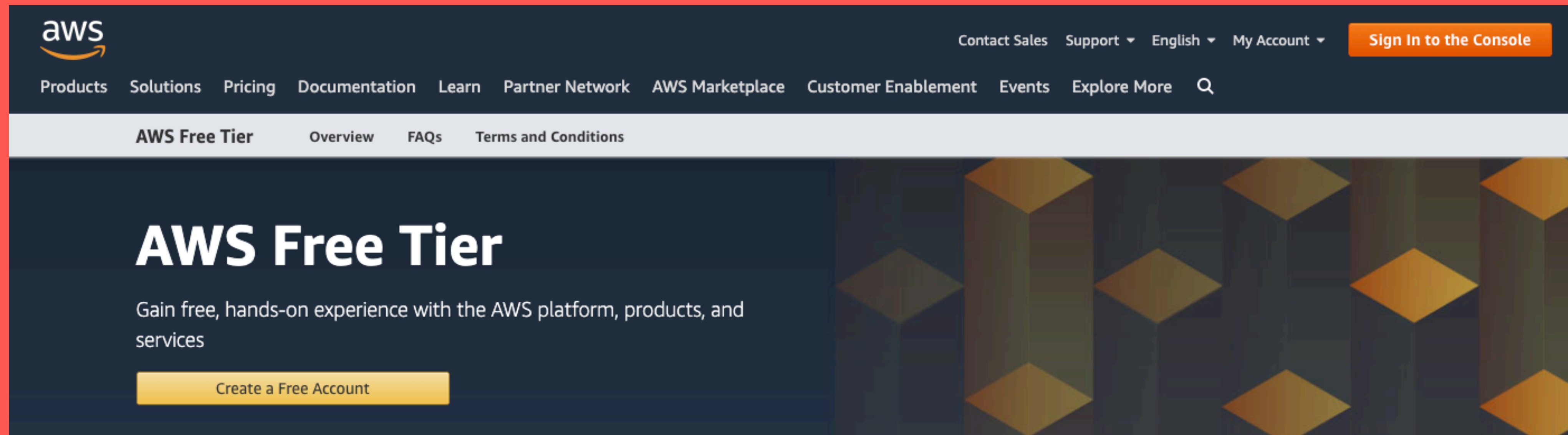
# What are we doing?

# Our Goals



# Let's get our environment ready

# Create an AWS Account



<https://aws.amazon.com/free>

# Install the AWS CLI



```
$ pip3 install --upgrade --user awscli
```

(This assumes you have Python3 installed)

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/cli-chap-install.html>

# Configure the AWS CLI



```
$ aws configure  
AWS Access Key ID [*****6A3P]:  
AWS Secret Access Key [*****V7L+]:  
Default region name [us-east-1]:  
Default output format [None]:
```



# Install the Serverless Framework

## Mac/Linux

```
● ● ●  
$ curl -o- -L https://slss.io/install | bash
```

## Windows

```
● ● ●  
> choco install serverless
```

<https://serverless.com/framework/docs/getting-started/>

# Install the Serverless Framework (With npm)



```
$ npm install -g serverless
```

<https://serverless.com/framework/docs/getting-started/>

# Clone the Project



```
$ git clone https://github.com/fernando-mc/serverless-devweek2020.git
```

<https://github.com/fernando-mc/serverless-devweek2020>

# Develop

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**2 Deploy**

Deploy our service into AWS

**4 Monitor**

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# What are we developing?

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## Serverless Jams

Vote for your favorite serverless music:


**Coderitis**  
GERNIE B.



**Stateless**  
Faux Tales



**Dynamo**  
Si Cranstoun



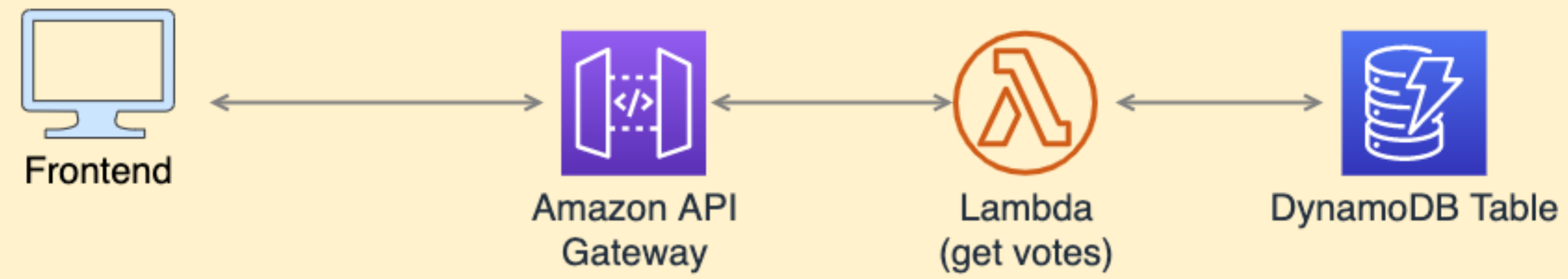
### Vote for Your Favorite Song:

Enter your phone number for us to text you a voting code:

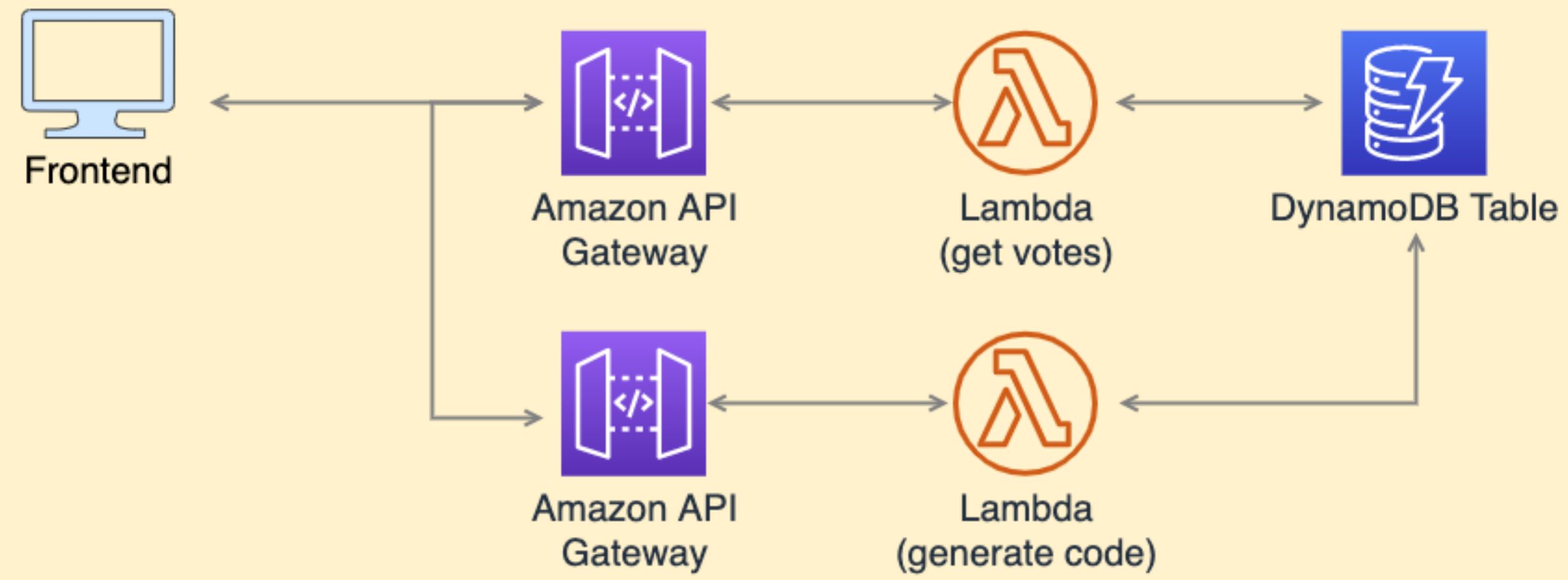
Enter your code, pick your song, and vote!

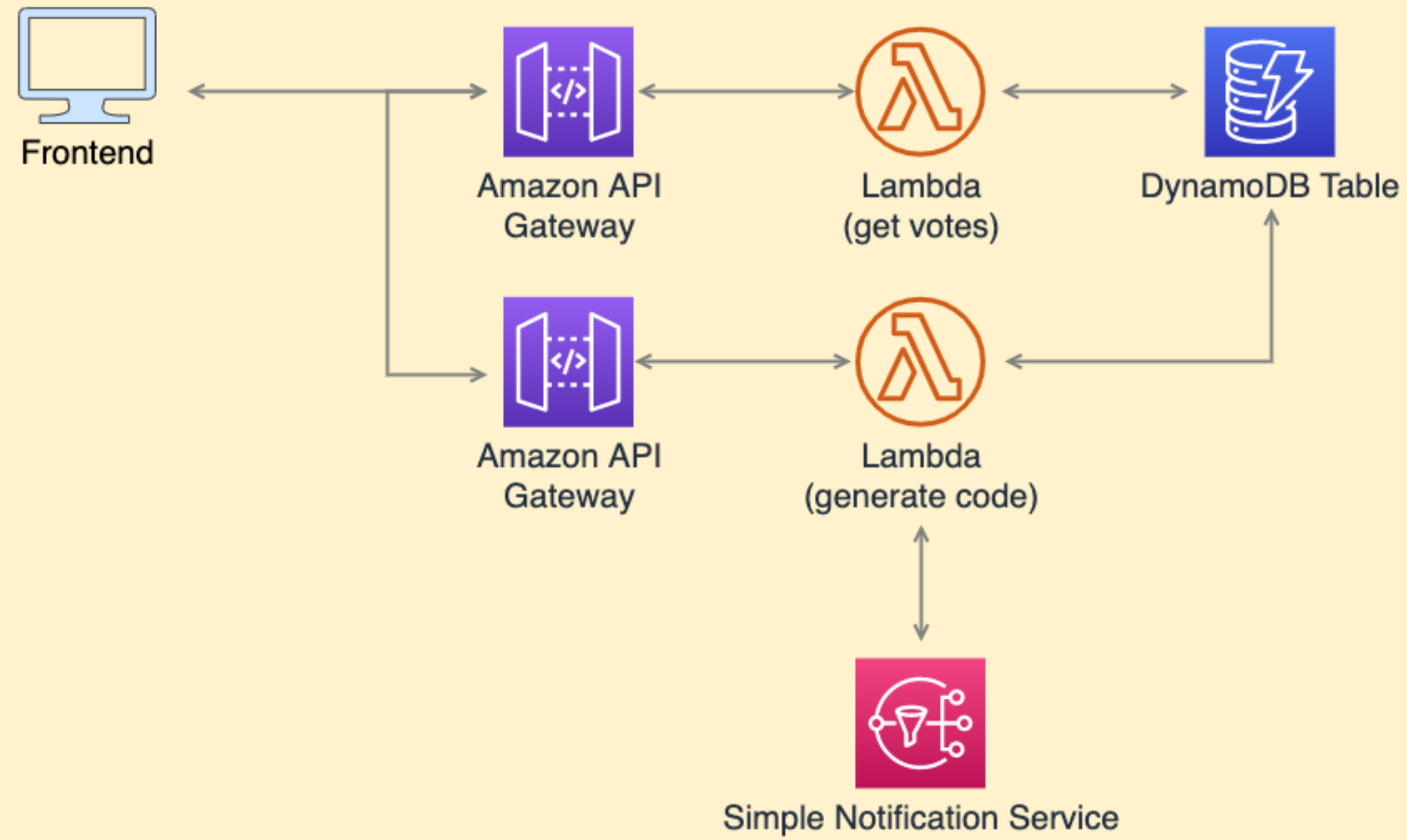
★ Coderitis 0   ★ Stateless 0   ★ Dynamo 0

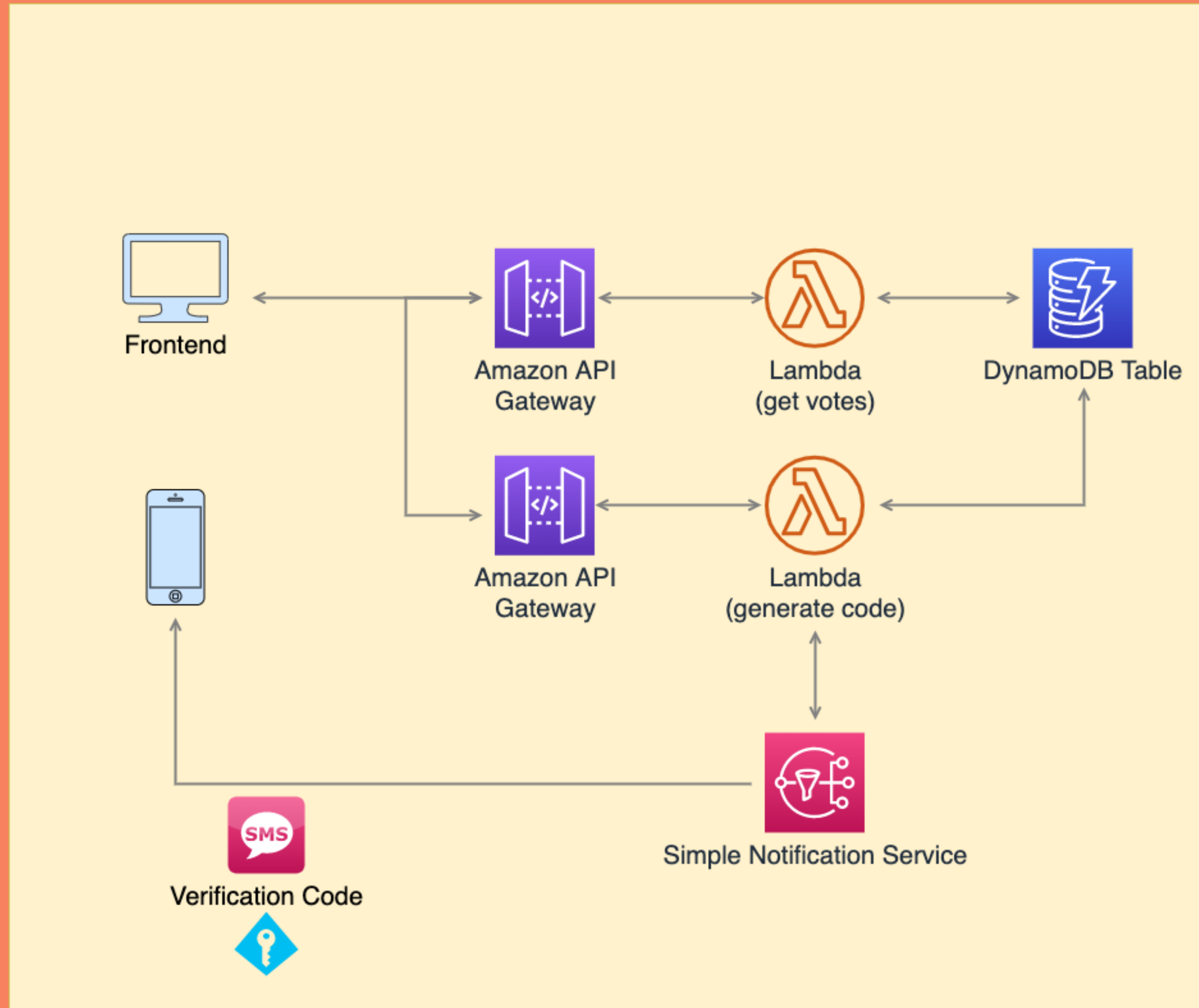
# How does it work?

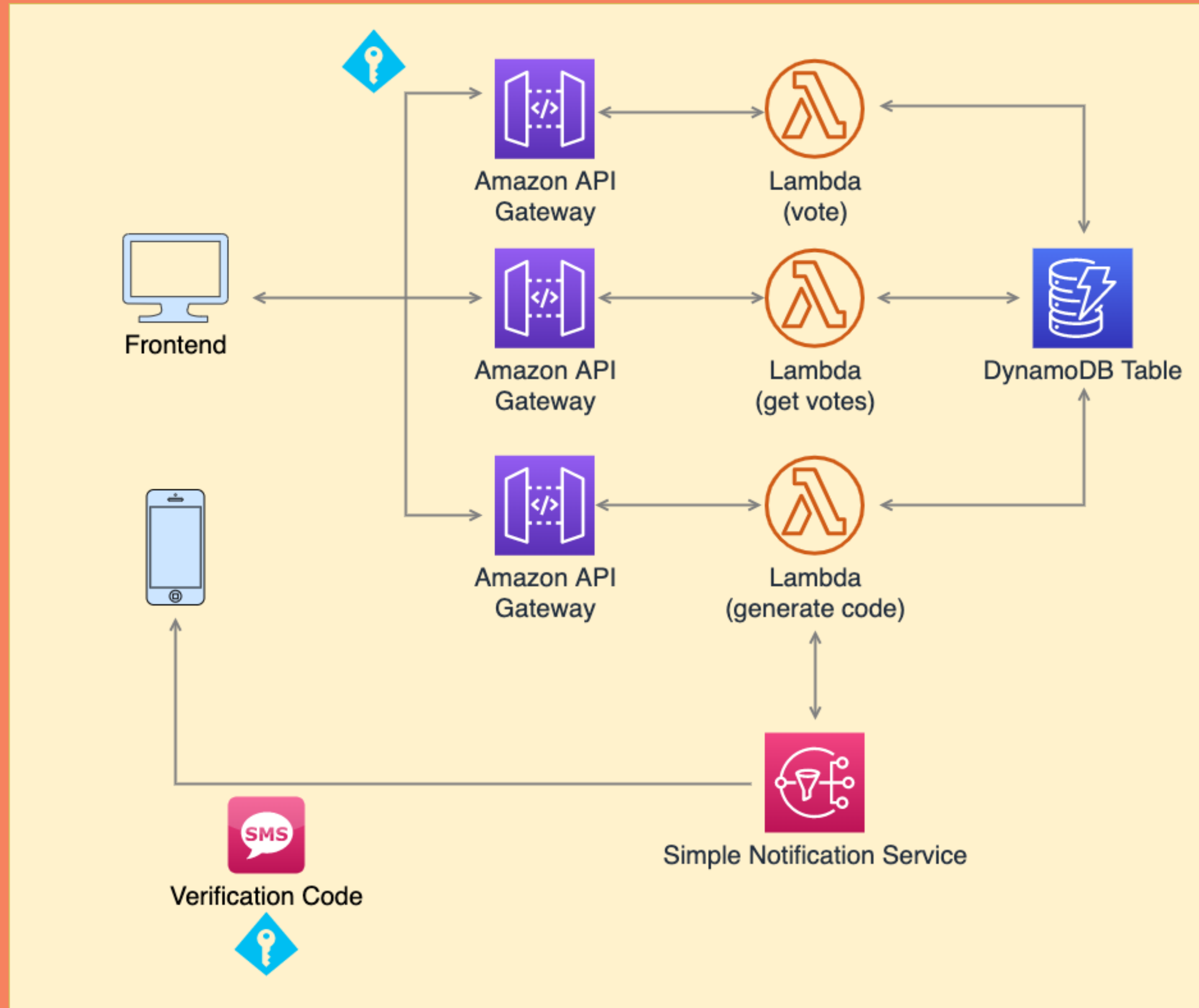












# What's the code look like?

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```
.  
├── README.md  
├── backend  
│   ├── generate_code.py  
│   ├── get_votes.py  
│   └── vote.py  
├── frontend  
│   ├── app.js  
│   └── index.html  
└── serverless.yml
```

2 directories, 7 files

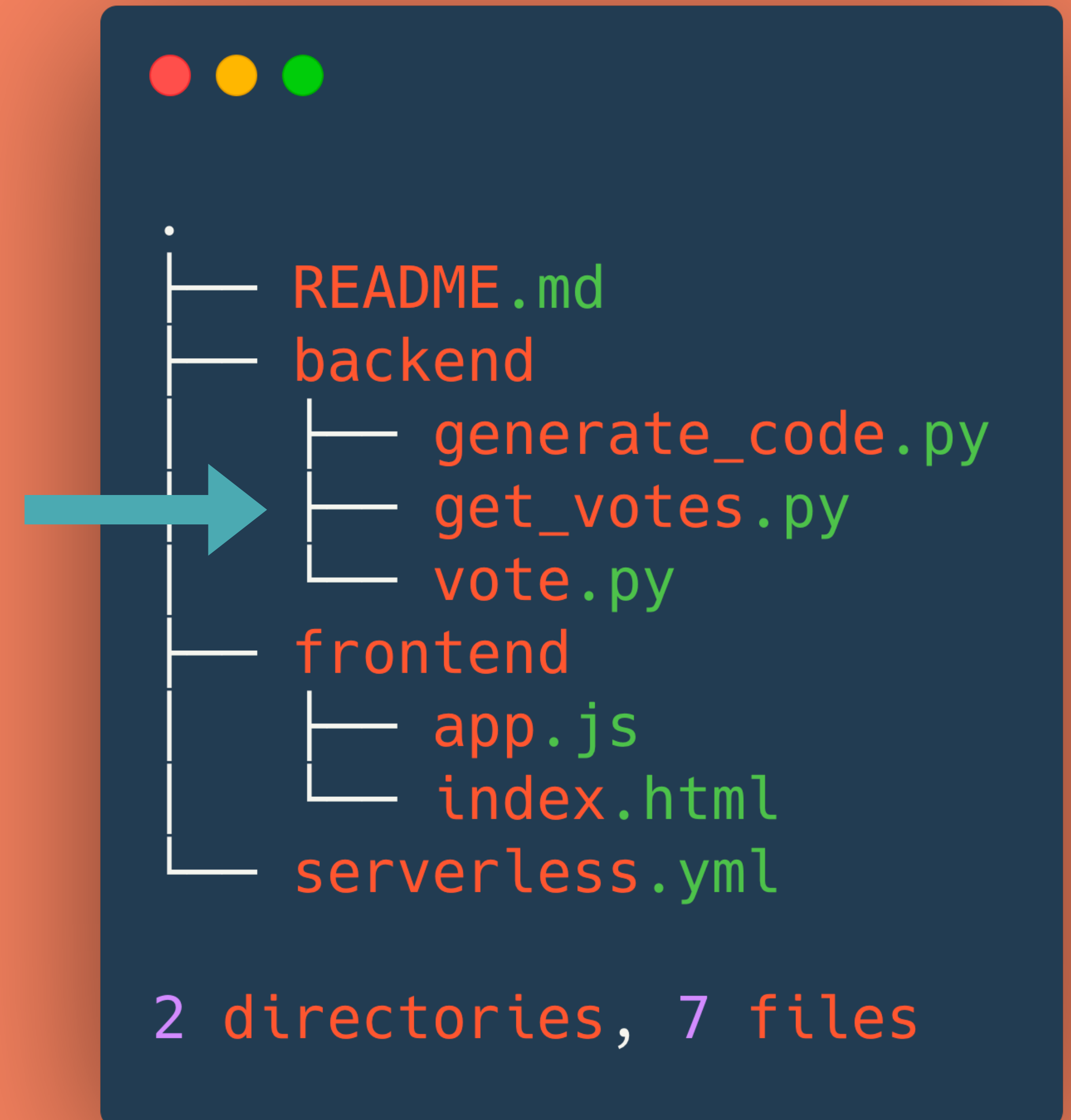
# generate\_code.py

1. Phone number as input
2. (re)generates verification code
3. Sends the code to the number



# get\_votes.py

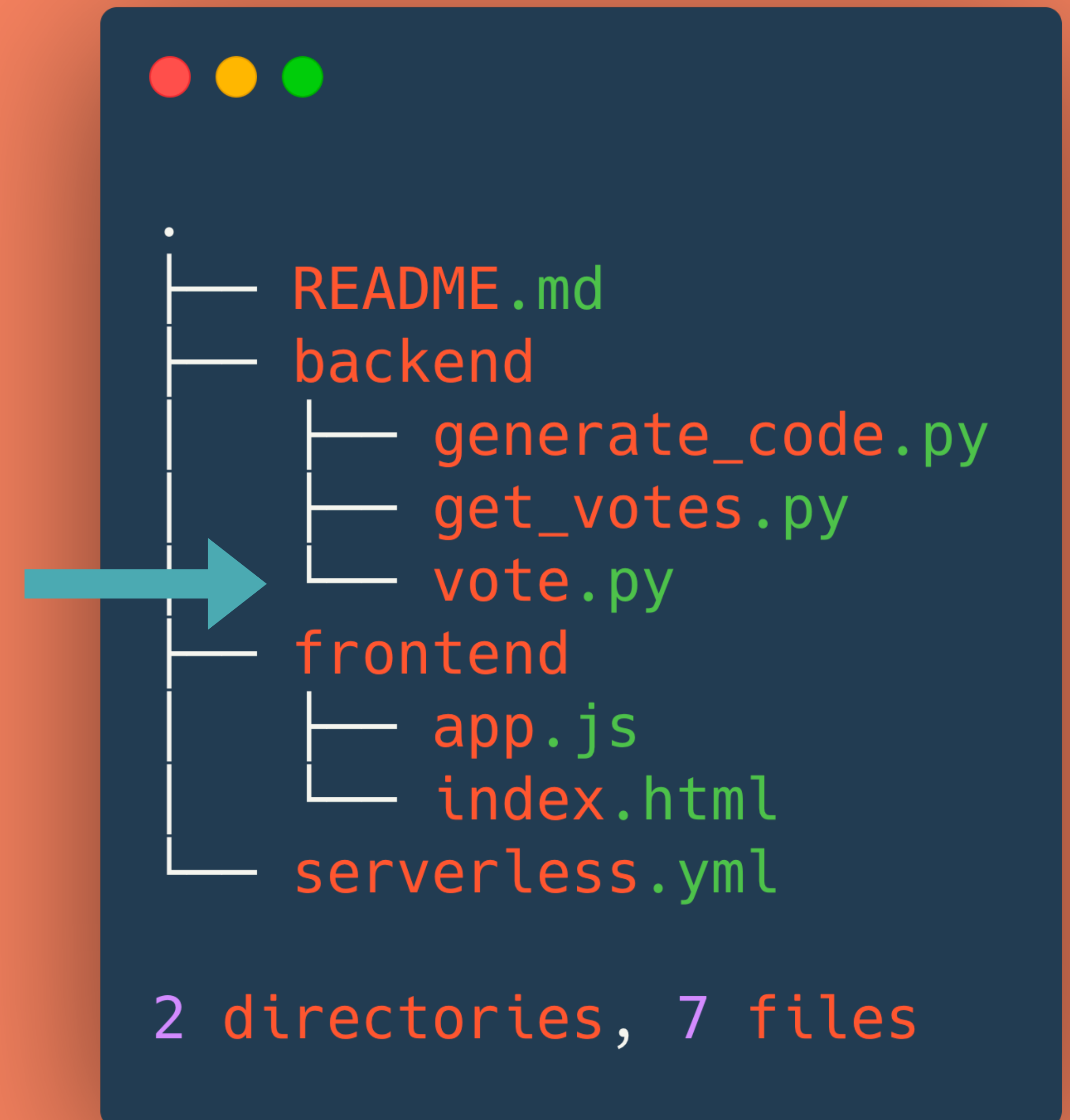
1. Gets vote counts for all songs
2. Returns them to the frontend





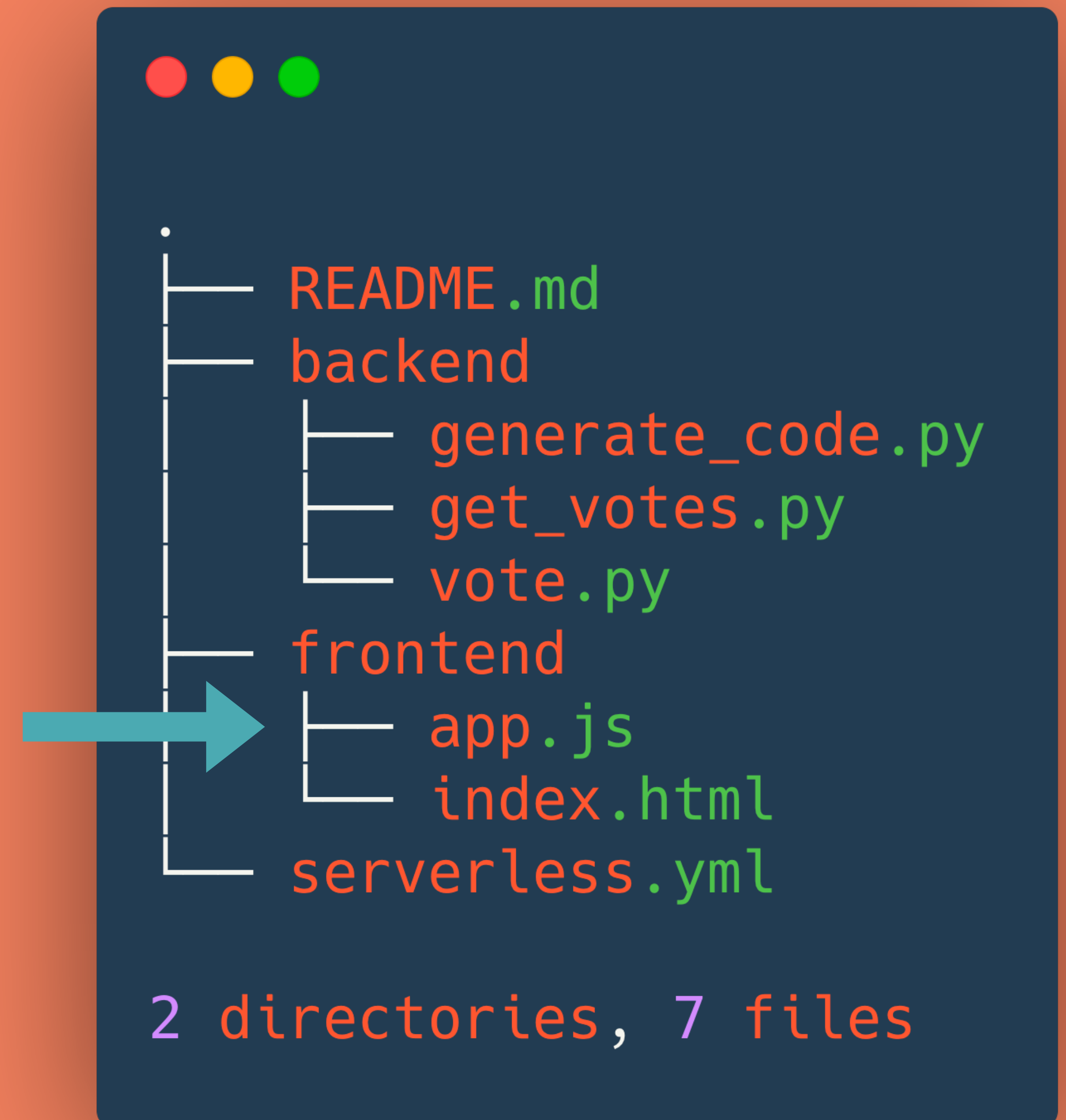
# vote.py

1. Verified phone number/code
2. Sets the code as used
3. Increments a vote counter
4. Returns the new vote count



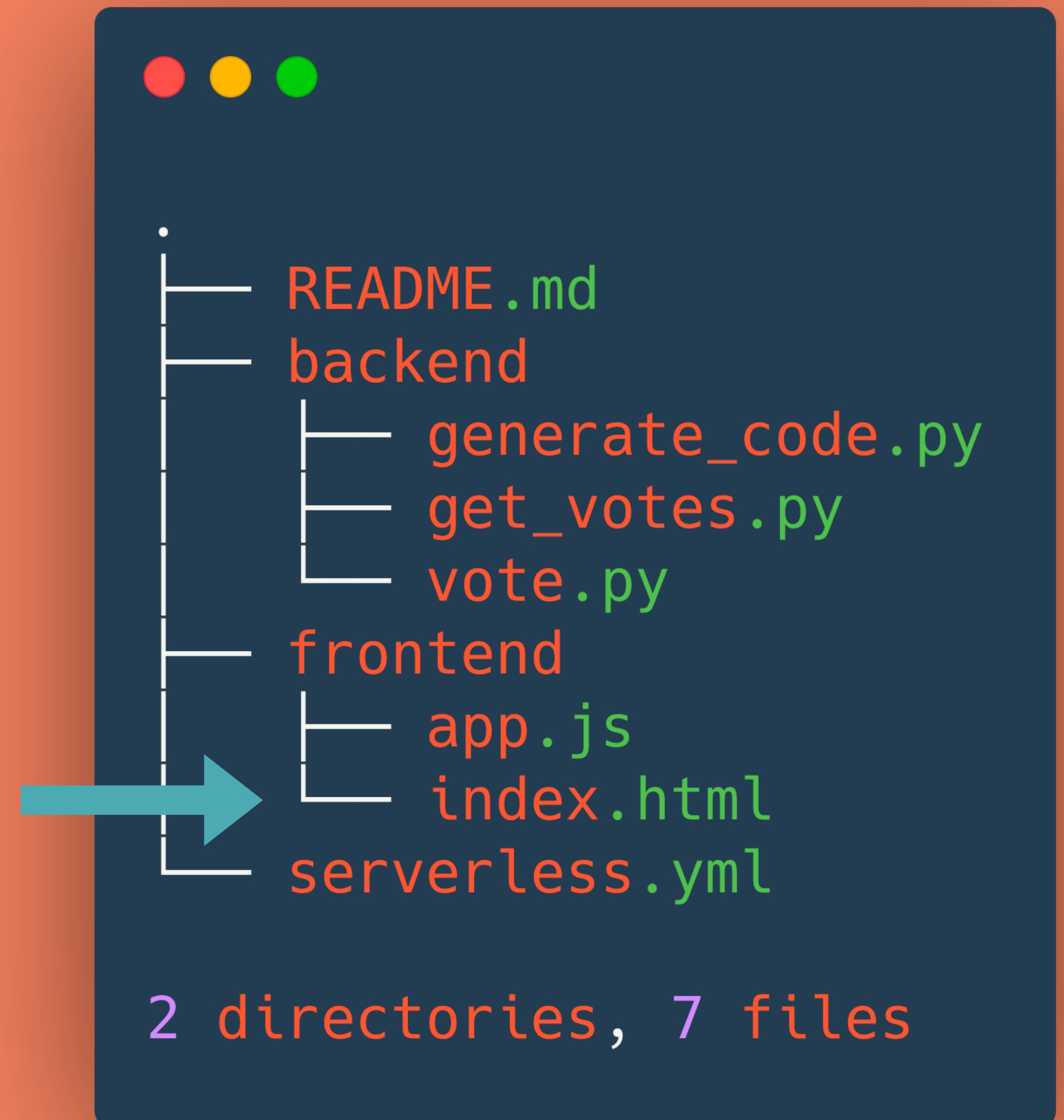
# app.js

1. Handles interacting with the API
2. Updates vote counts in the UI
3. Provides helper text for the user



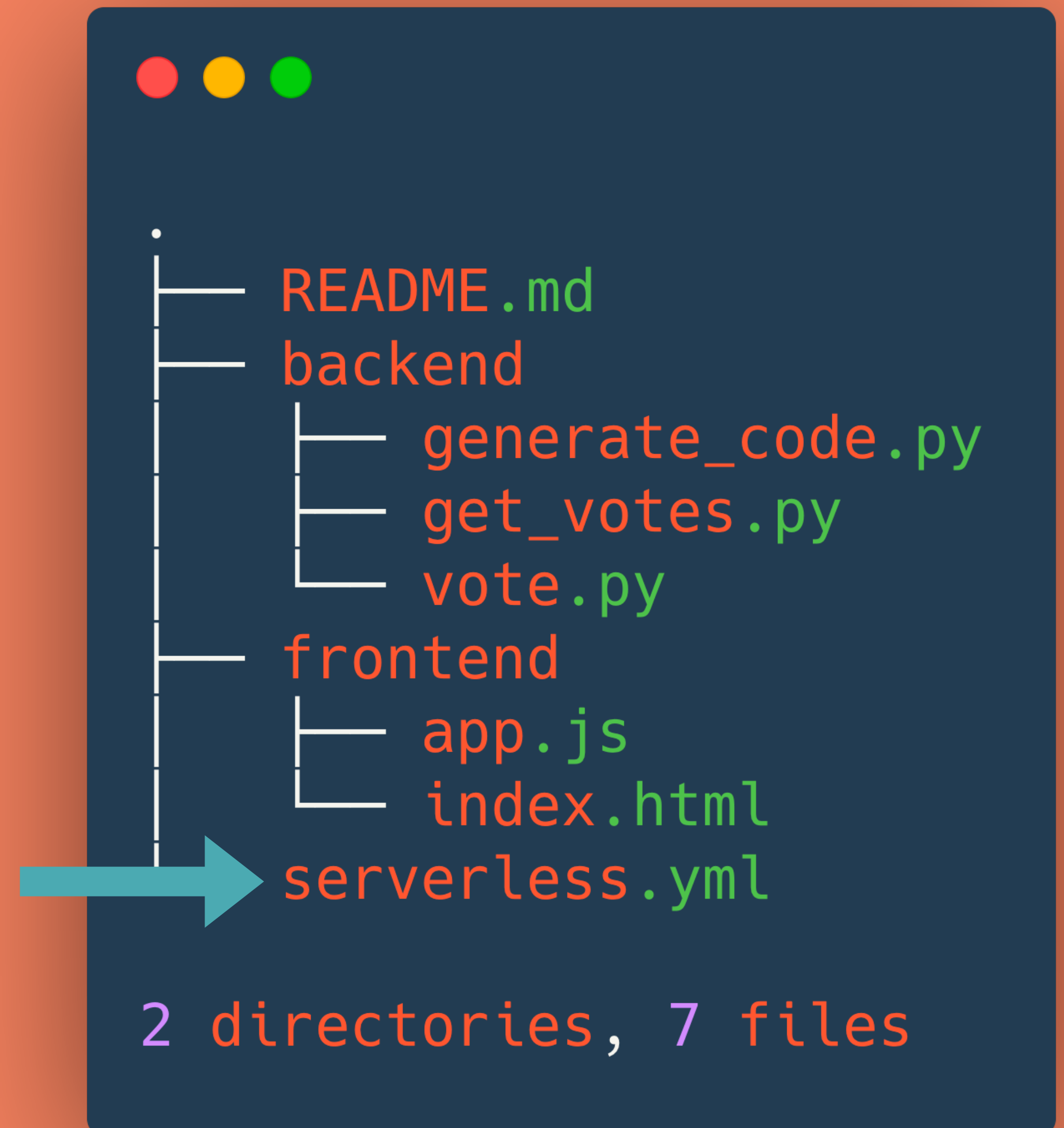
# index.html

1. Snazzy Spotify embeds!
2. Pretty Semantic UI buttons!
3. Cool vote counters!



# serverless.yml

1. Creates Lambda Functions
2. Creates API Gateway Endpoints
3. Creates our DynamoDB table
4. Sets the service's permissions



# What's in serverless.yml?

# Service Configuration



```
org: devweek2020
app: sls-jams
service: serverlessjams

frameworkVersion: ">=1.53.0 <2.0.0"
...
```

# Provider details



```
...  
provider:  
  name: aws  
  runtime: python3.7  
  region: us-east-1  
  environment:  
    DYNAMODB_TABLE: ${self:service}-${opt:stage, self:provider.stage}
```

```
...
```

# Provider details - IAM Roles

```
...
provider:
...
  iamRoleStatements:
    - Effect: Allow
      Action:
        - dynamodb:Query
        - dynamodb:Scan
        - dynamodb:PutItem
        - dynamodb:UpdateItem
      Resource: "arn:aws:dynamodb:${opt:region,
self:provider.region}:*:table/${self:provider.environment.DYNAMODB_TABLE}"
...

```

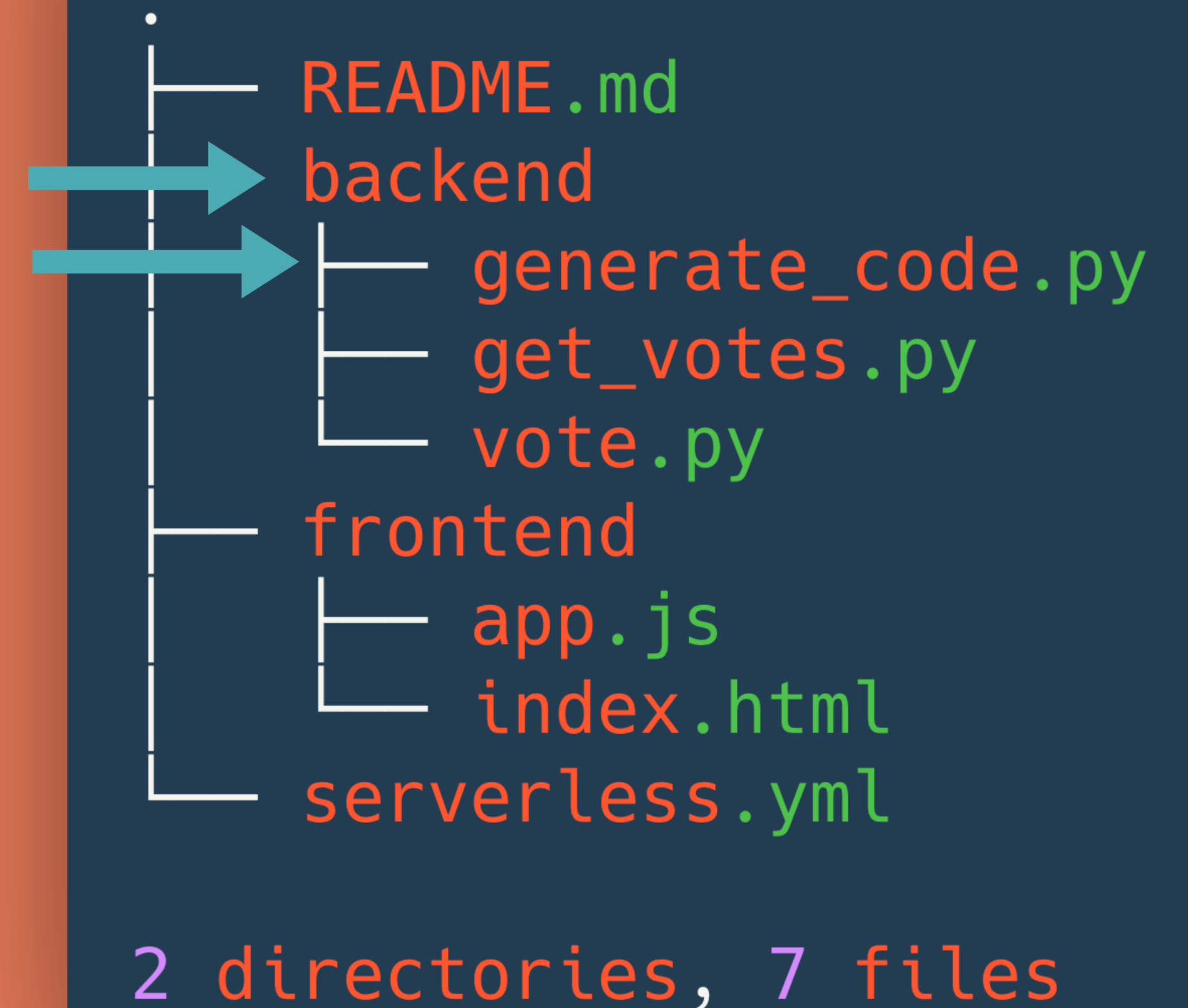


# Provider details - IAM Roles

```
...  
provider:  
...  
  iamRoleStatements:  
...  
    - Effect: Allow  
      Action:  
        - sns:Publish  
      Resource: "*"   
...  
...
```

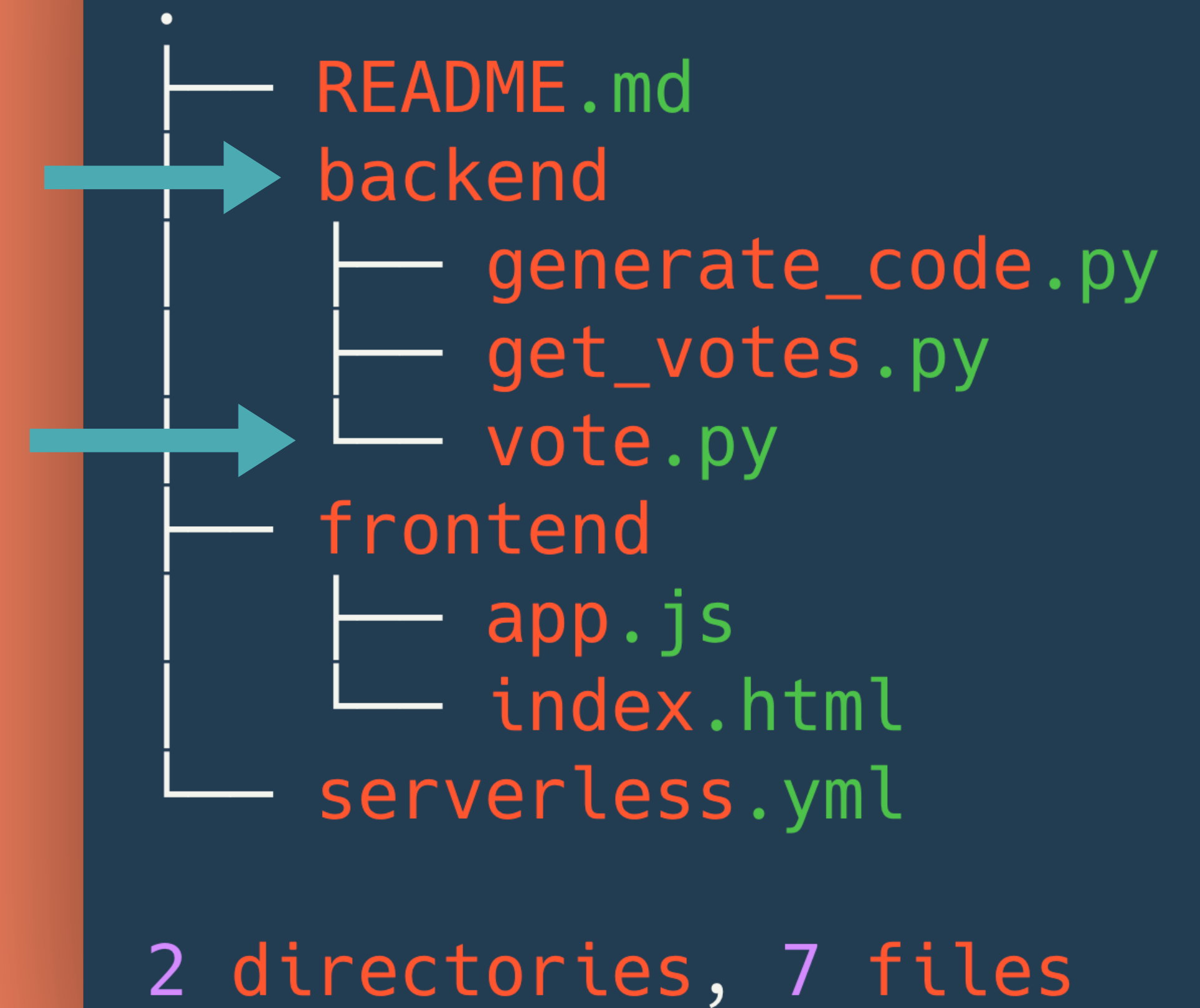
# Function Definitions

```
...
functions:
  generateCode:
    handler: backend/generate_code.handler
    events:
      - http:
          path: send-code
          method: post
          cors: true
...
```



# Function Definitions

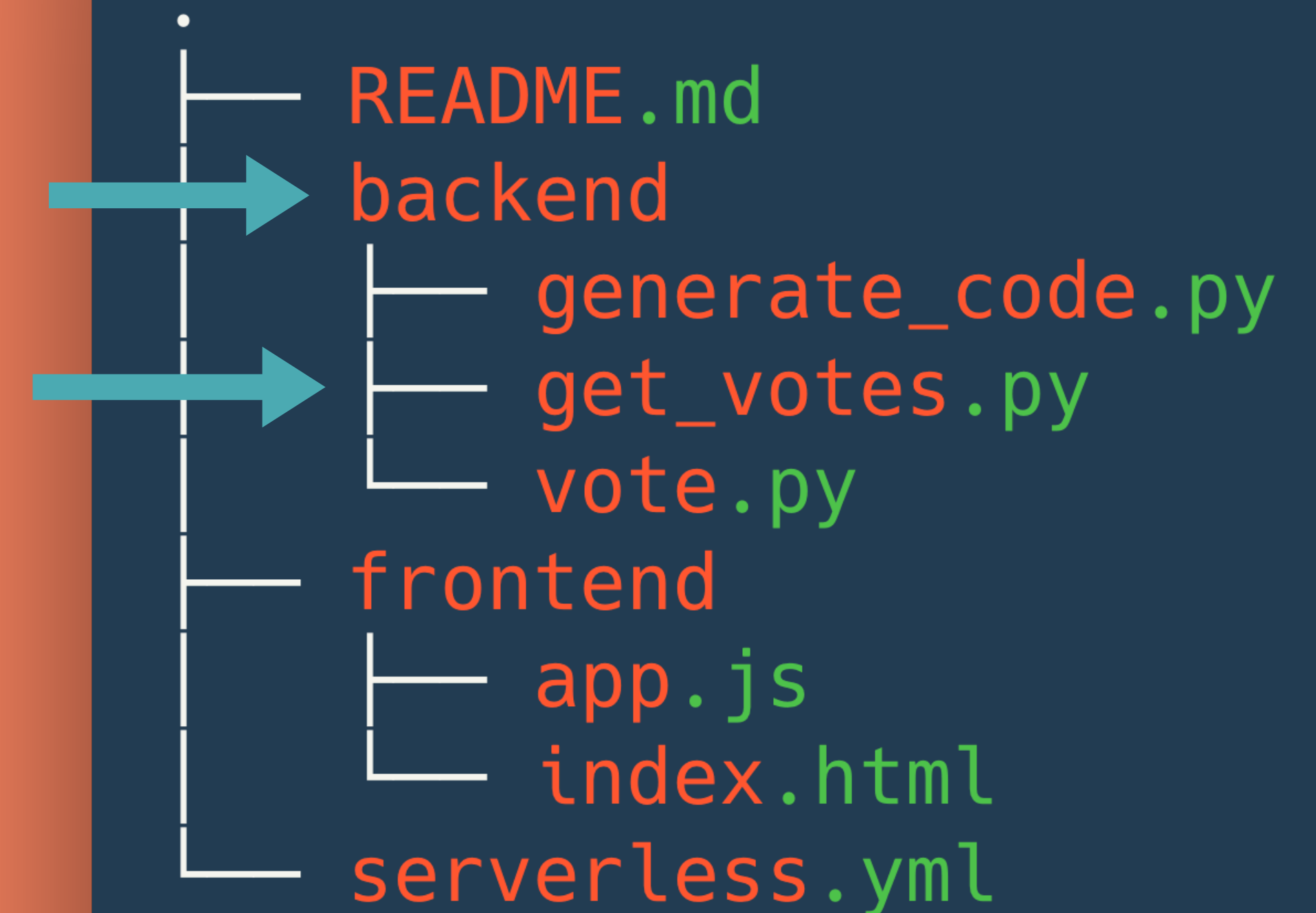
```
...  
functions:  
...  
  vote:  
    handler: backend/vote.handler  
    events:  
      - http:  
        path: song/vote  
        method: post  
        cors: true  
...
```



# Function Definitions

```
...
functions:
...
  getVotes:
    handler: backend/get_votes.handler
    events:
      - http:
          path: votes
          method: get
          cors: true
...

```



# Resources

```
...
resources:
  Resources:
    userTable:
      Type: AWS::DynamoDB::Table
      Properties:
        TableName: ${self:provider.environment.DYNAMODB_TABLE}
        AttributeDefinitions:
          - AttributeName: pk
            AttributeType: S
          - AttributeName: sk
            AttributeType: S
        KeySchema:
          - AttributeName: pk
            KeyType: HASH
          - AttributeName: sk
            KeyType: RANGE
        ProvisionedThroughput:
          ReadCapacityUnits: 1
          WriteCapacityUnits: 1
...
```

# Optional Packaging



...

```
package:  
  exclude:  
    - frontend/**  
    - README.md
```

# How many total lines of code?



(README not included)

# Total lines: 436



```
$ wc -l backend/* frontend/* serverless.yml
  62 backend/generate_code.py
  27 backend/get_votes.py
  71 backend/vote.py
  78 frontend/app.js
 128 frontend/index.html
  70 serverless.yml
 436 total
```



# Deploy

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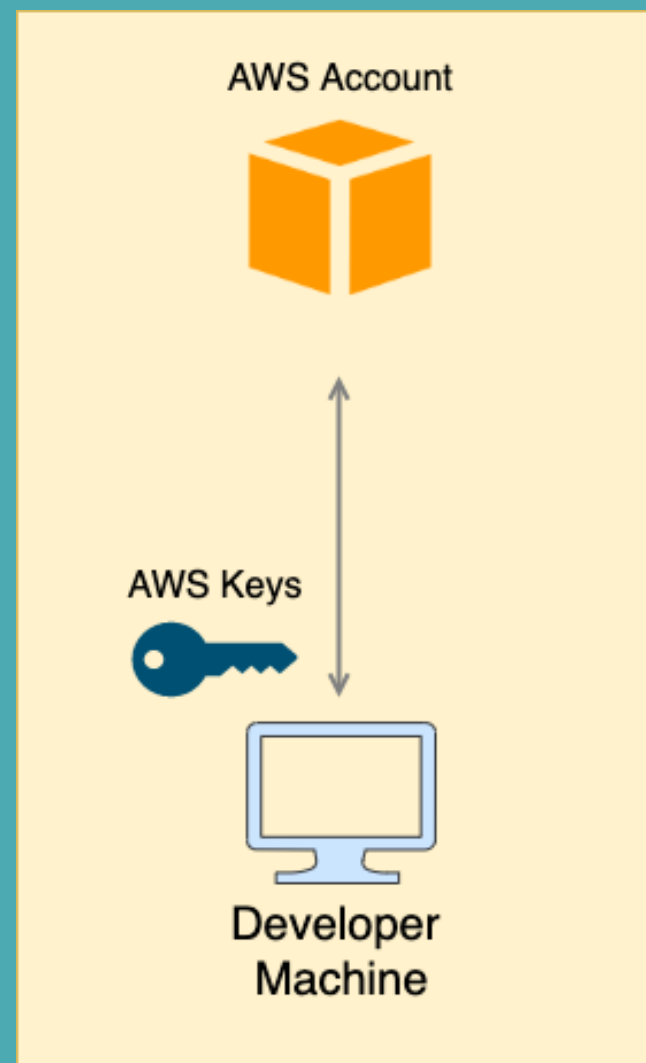
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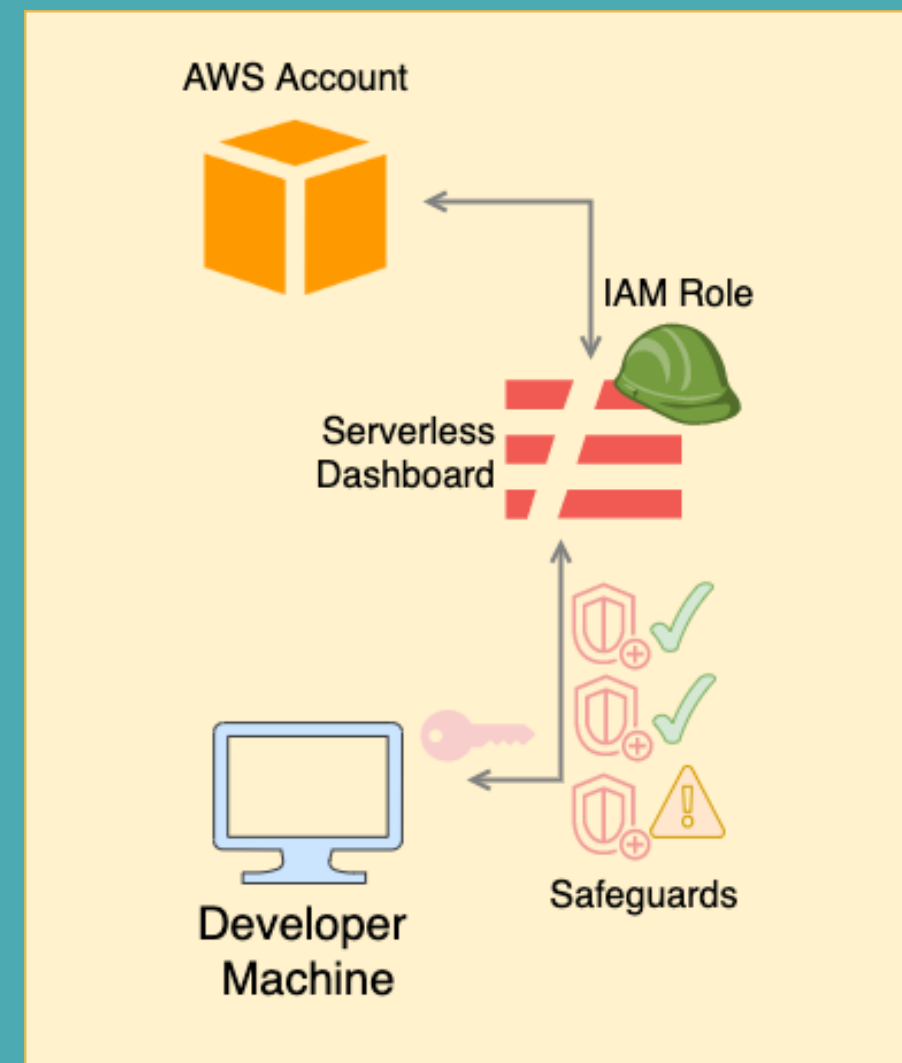
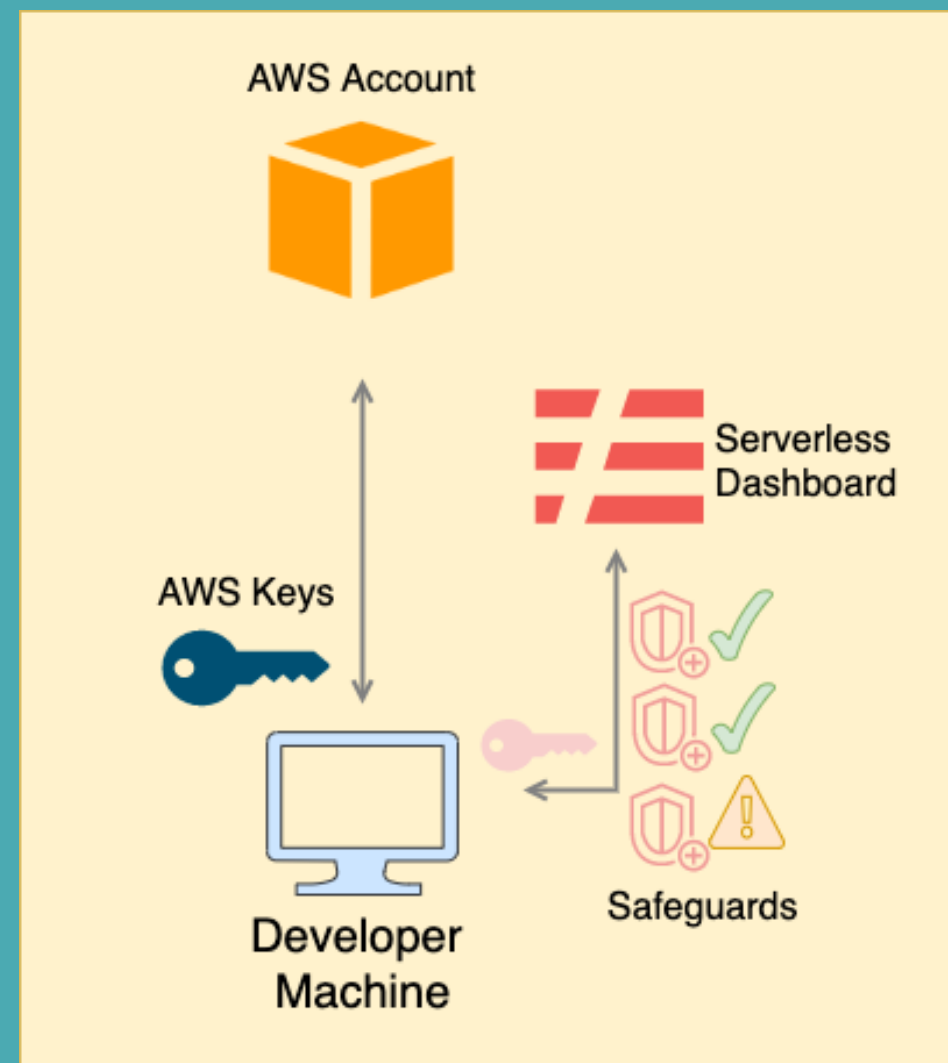
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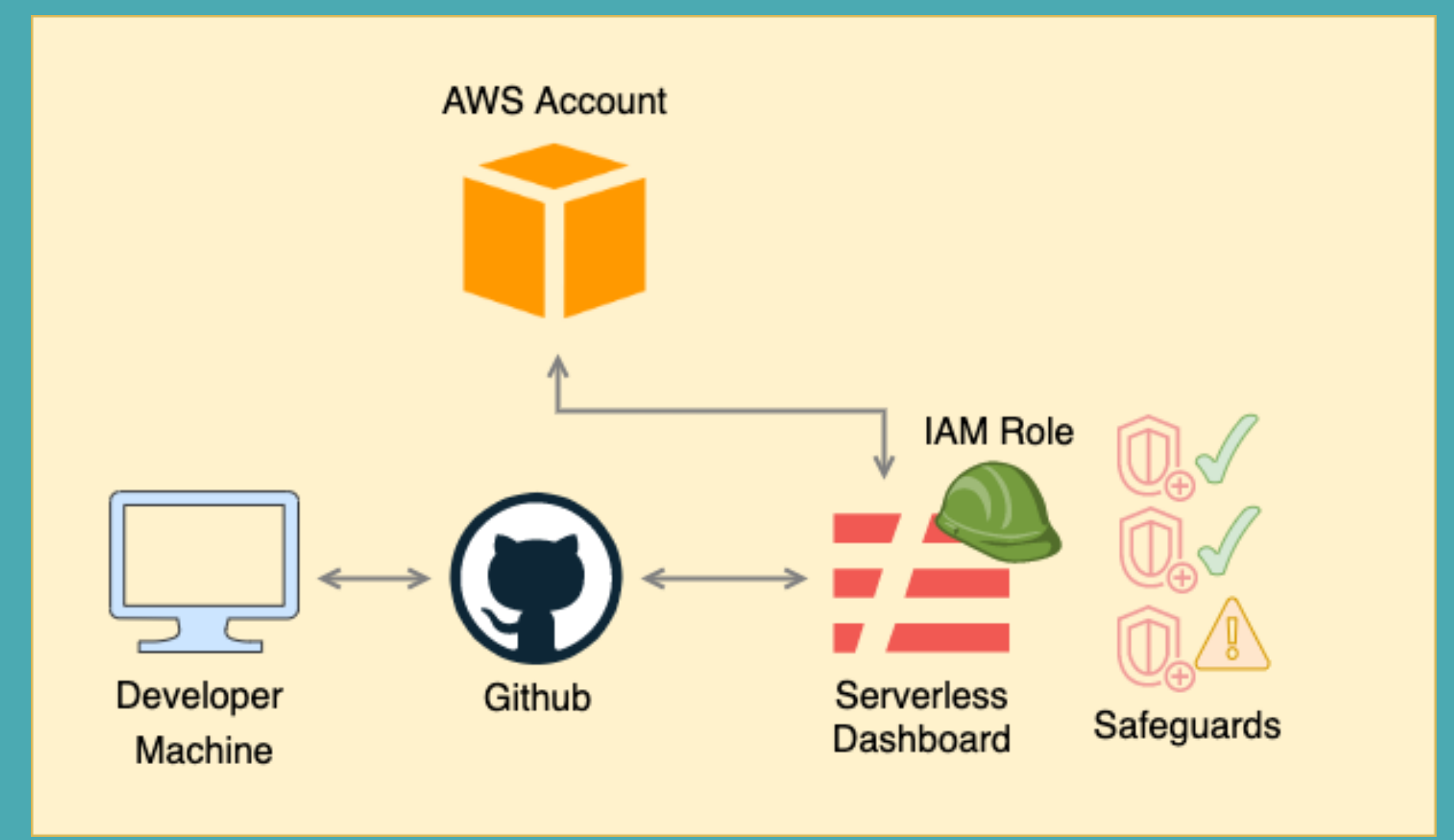
# Deployment Options



Local AWS Keys  
(2 options)

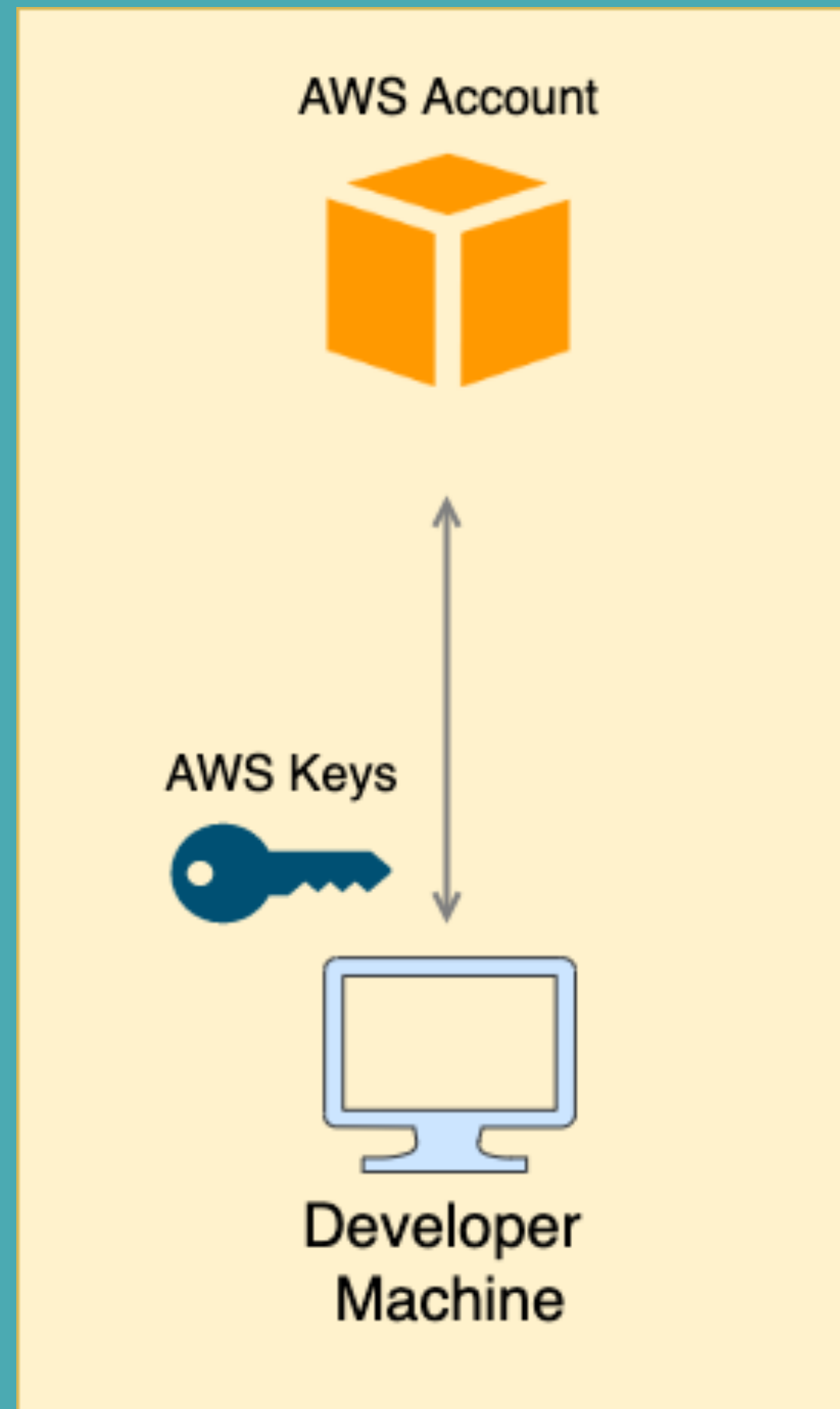


Using the  
Serverless  
Dashboard

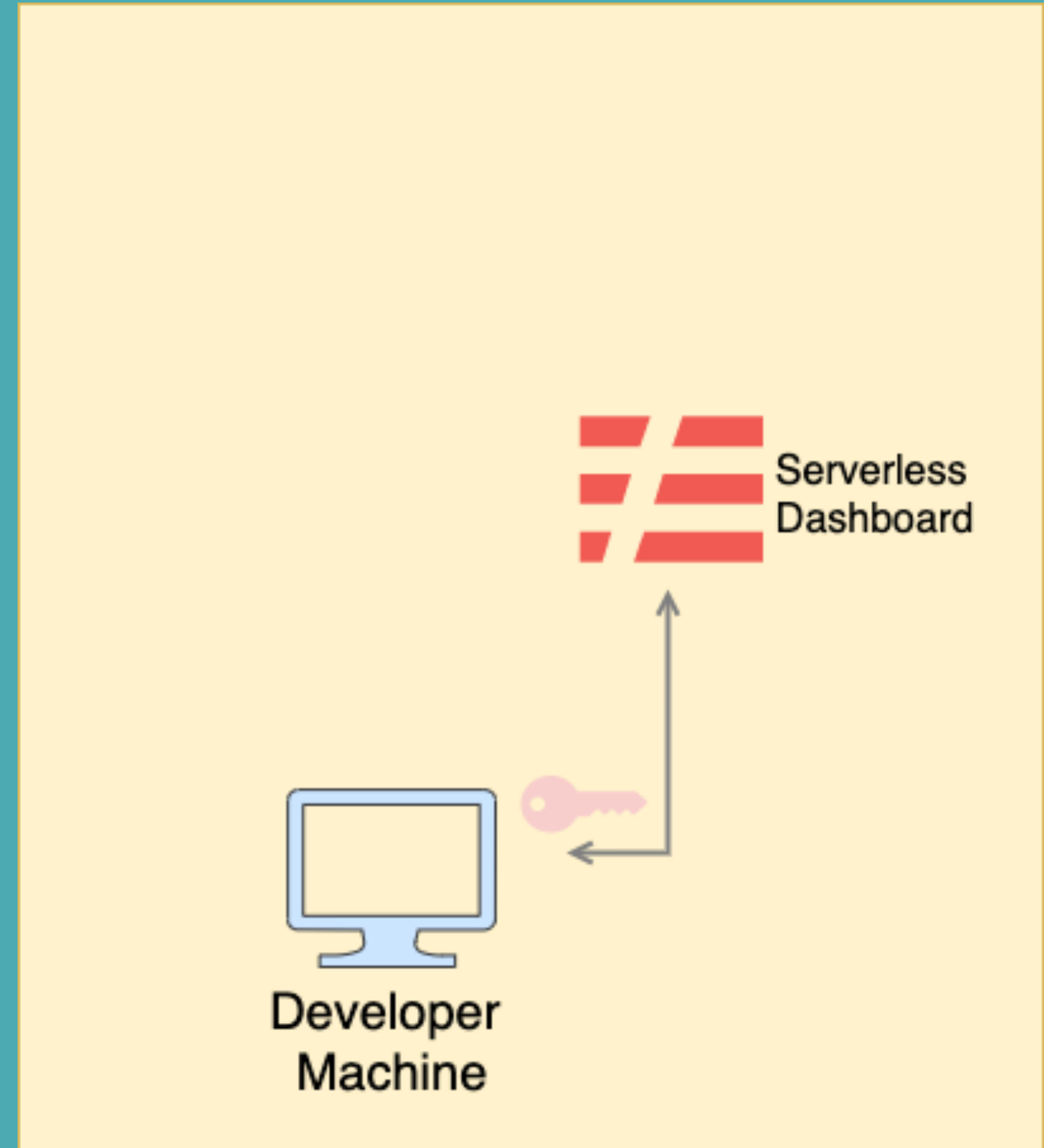


Using Serverless  
CI/CD

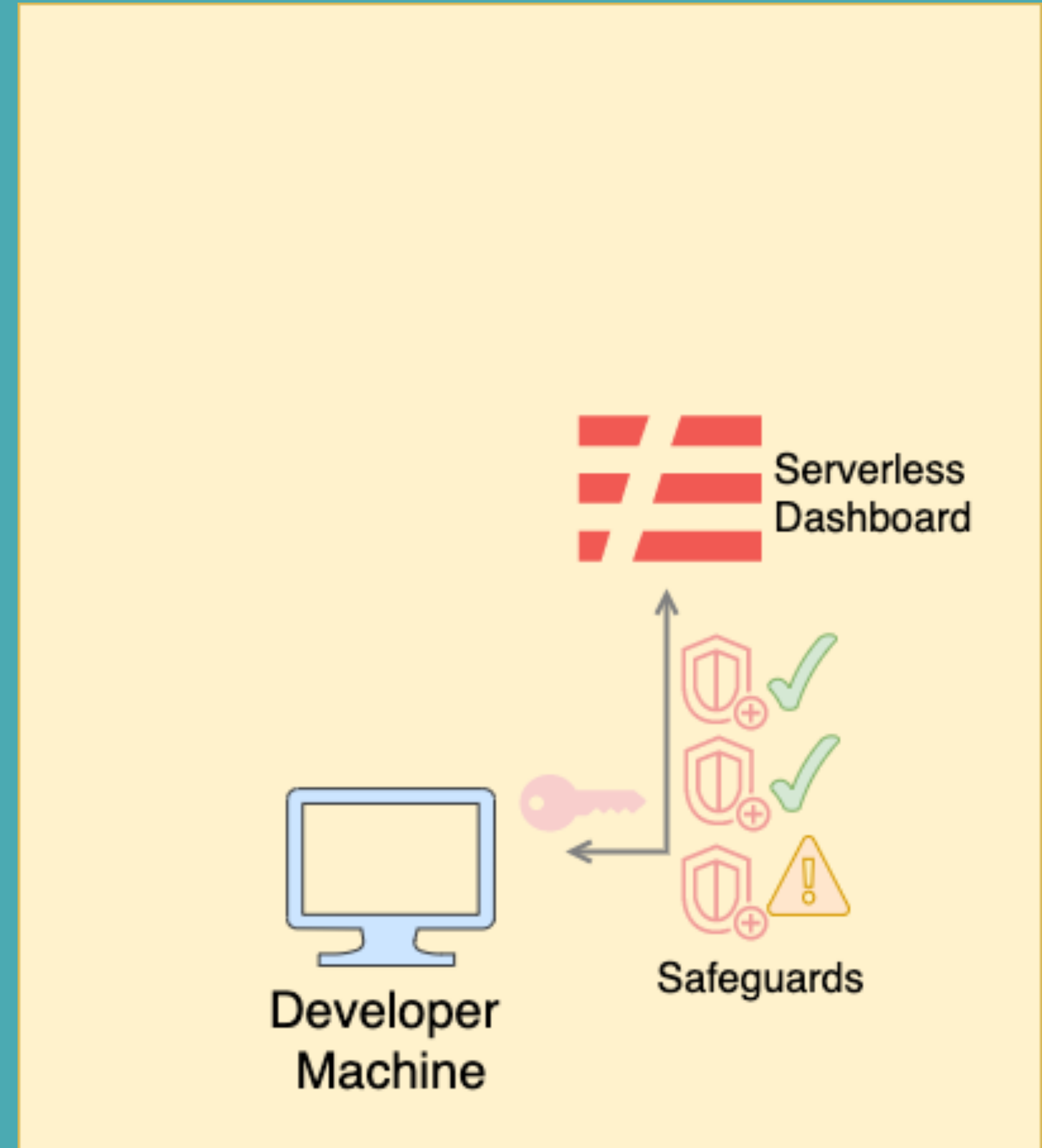
# Local AWS Keys



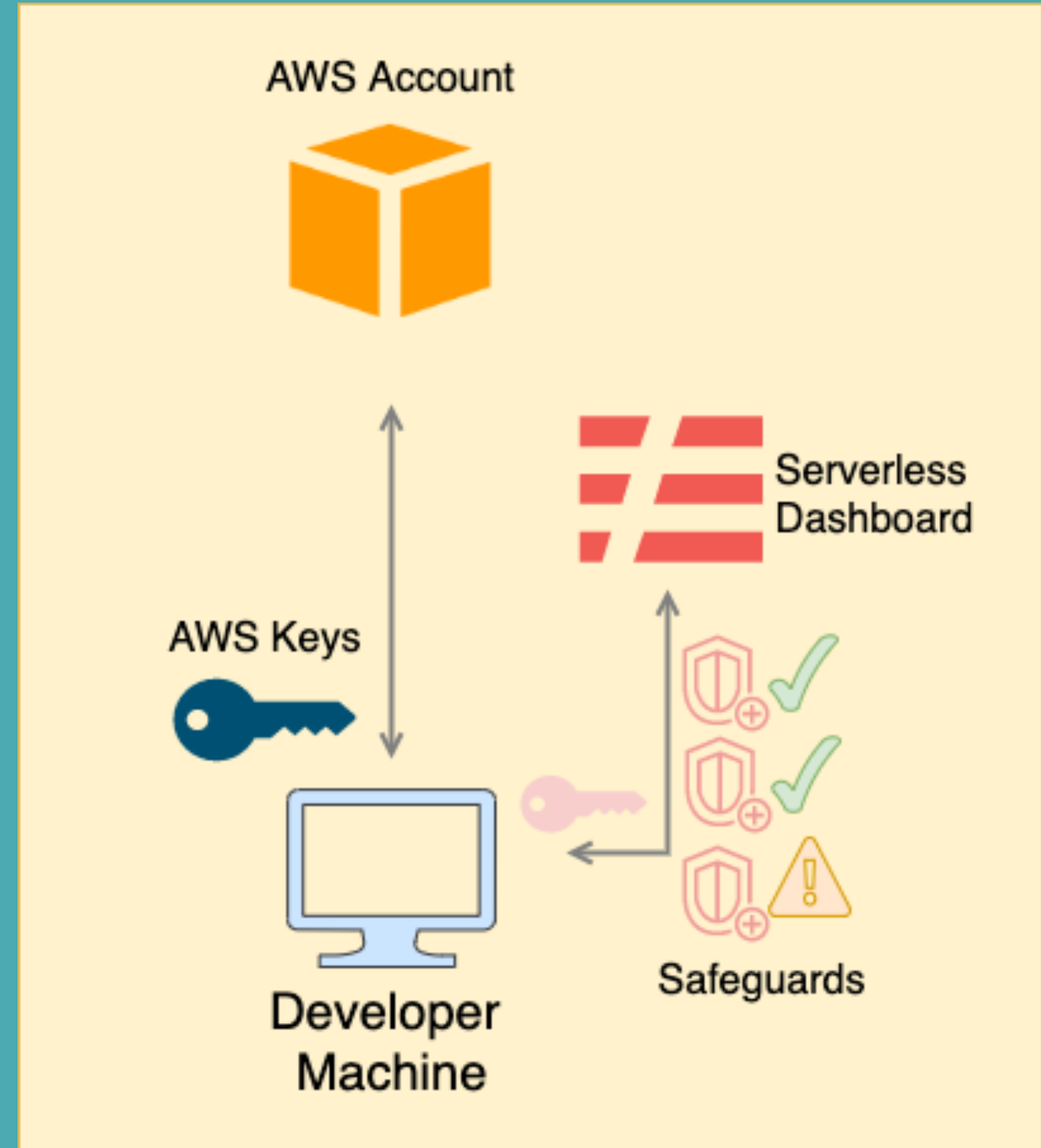
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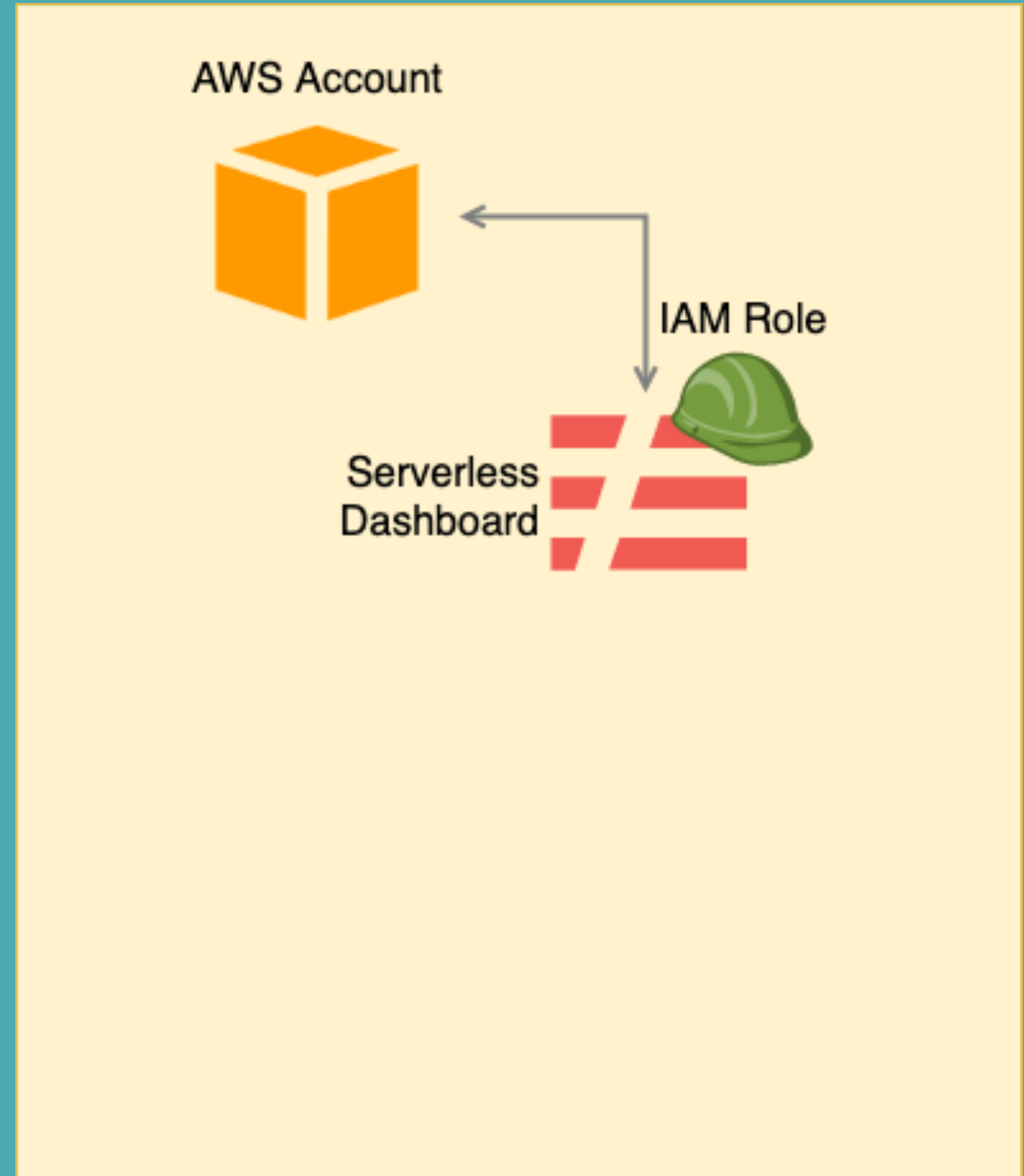


# Deploying with Local Keys



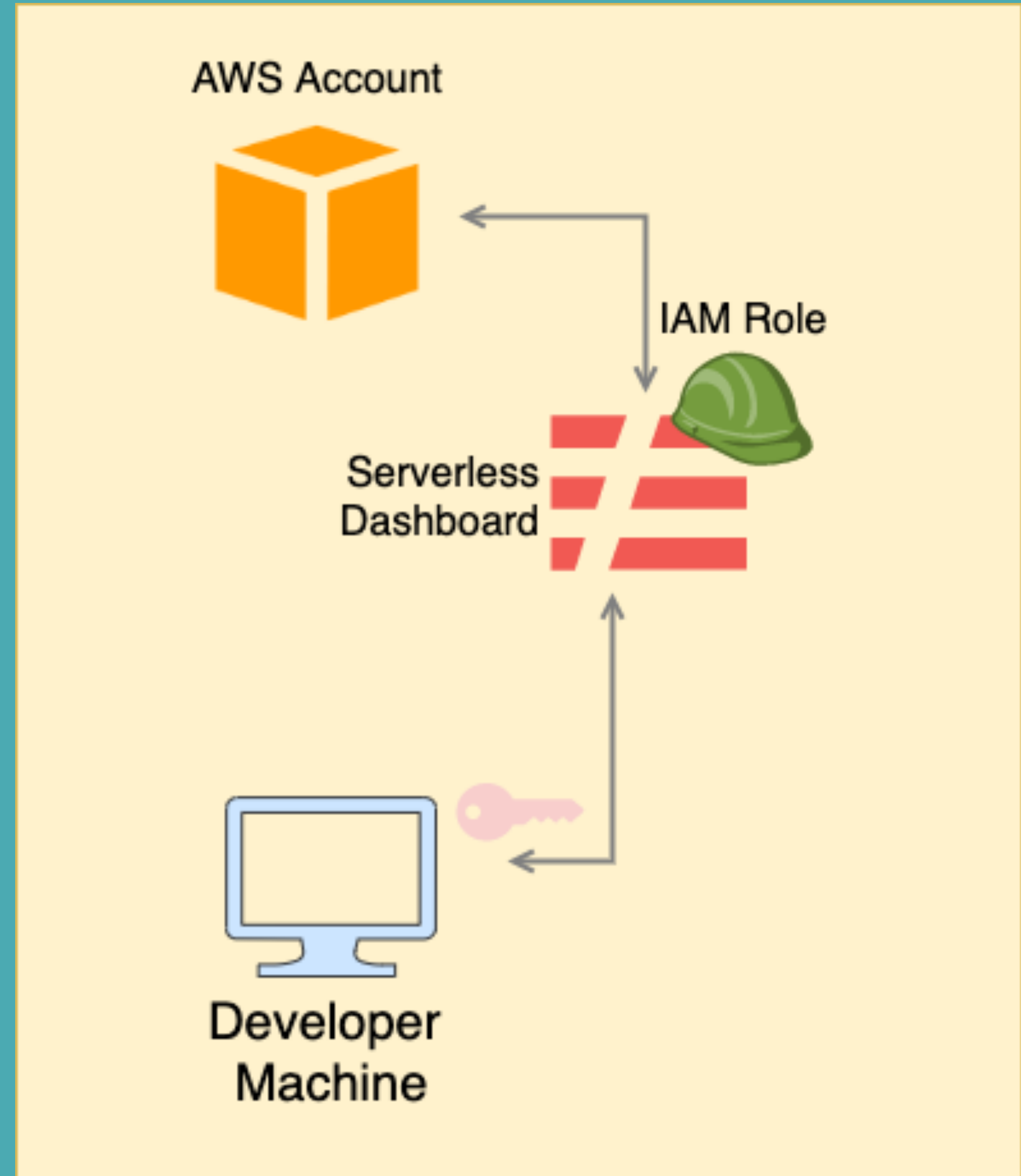
```
$ serverless deploy
```

# Deploying via the Serverless Dashboard

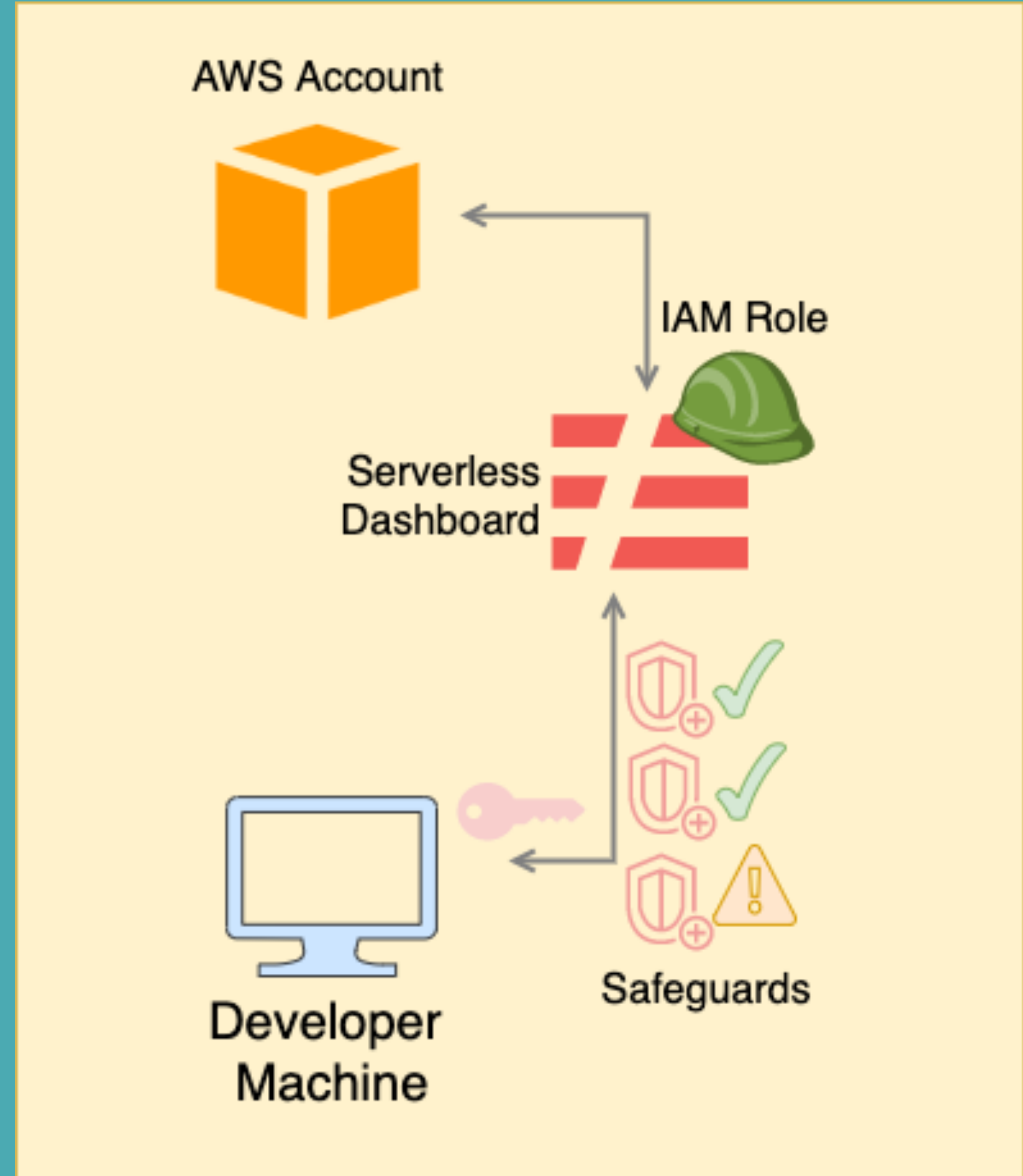




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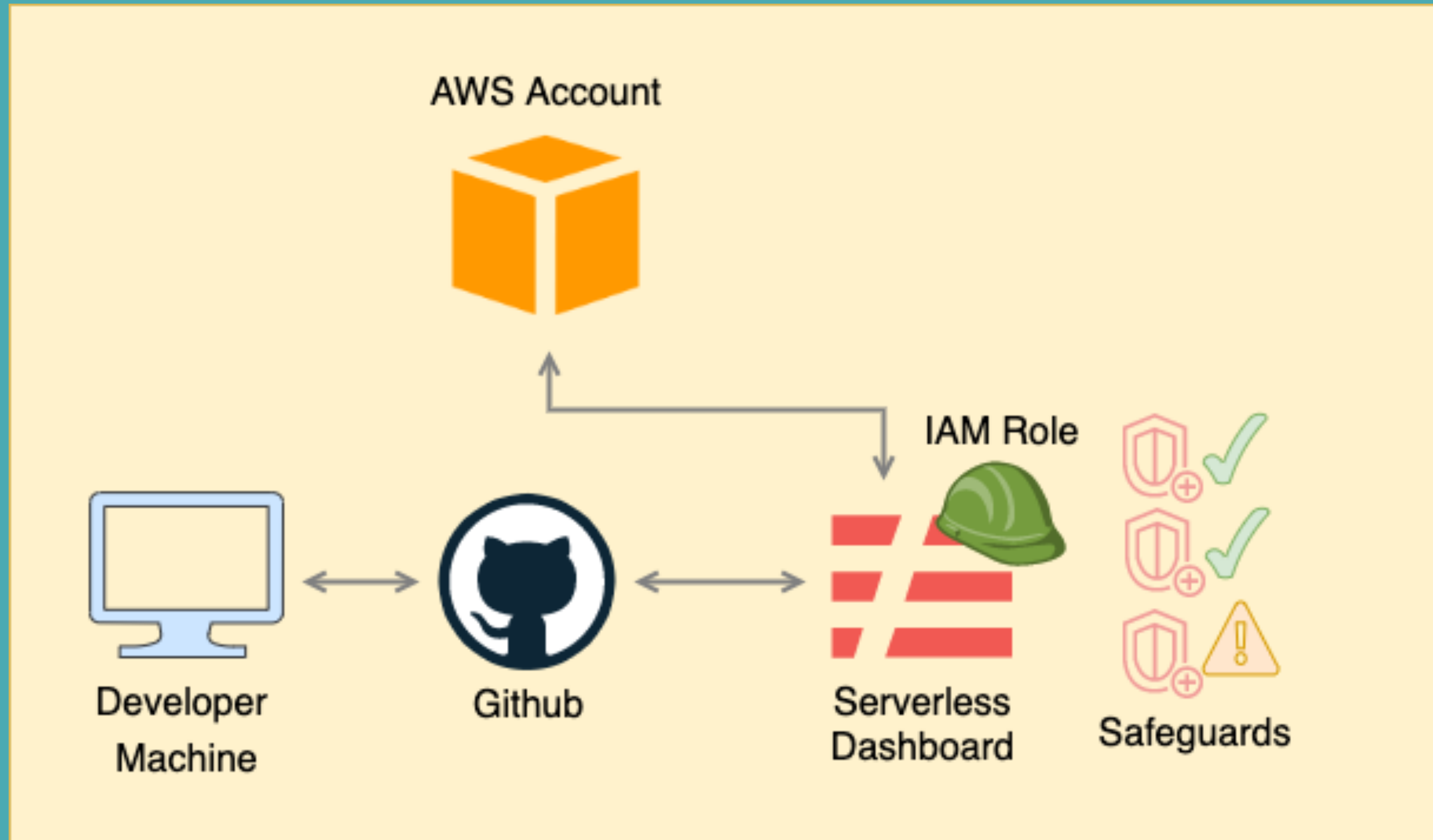


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```
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```

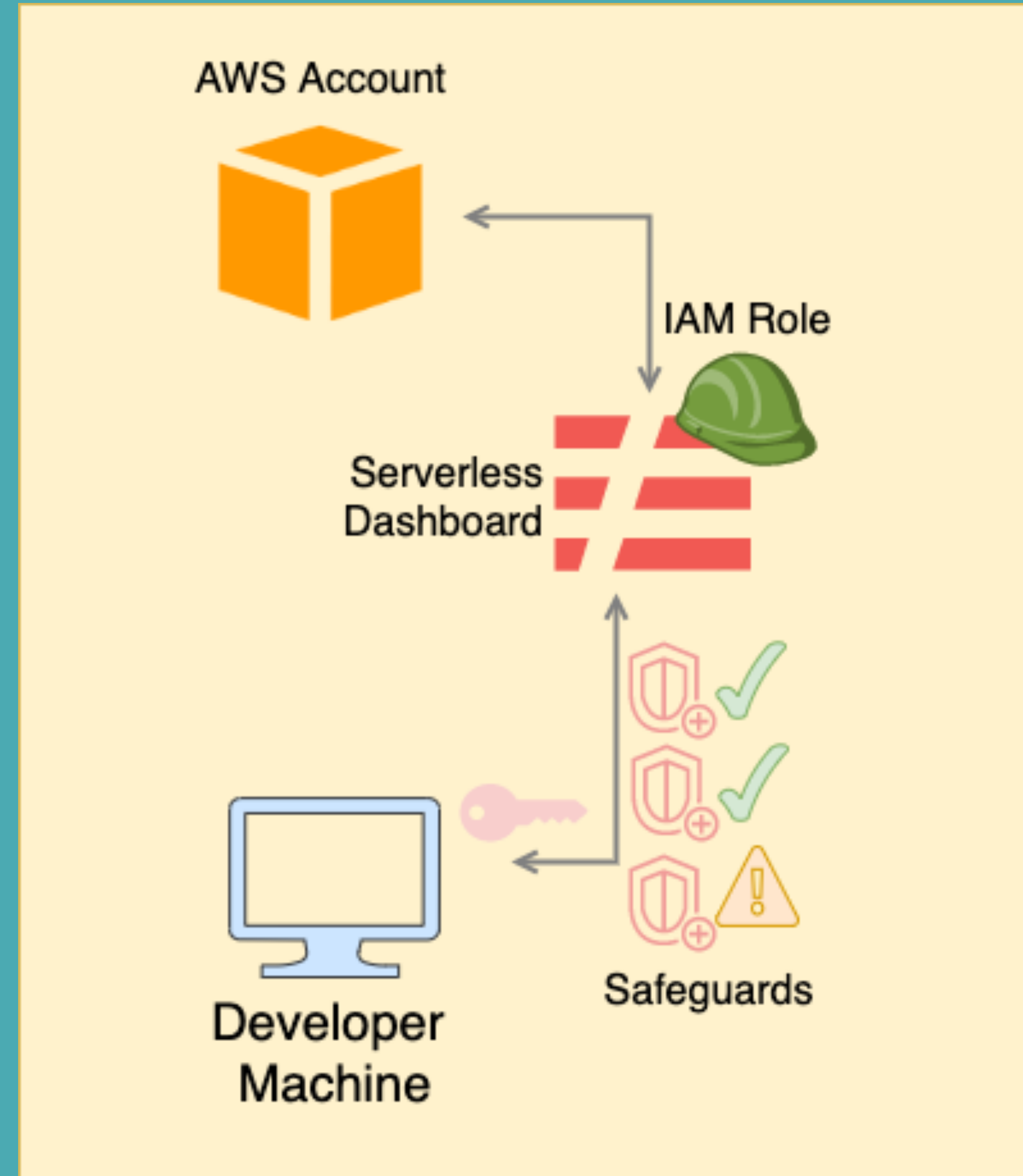
# Deploying with Serverless CI/CD



# What are we doing?

# DEMO TIME!

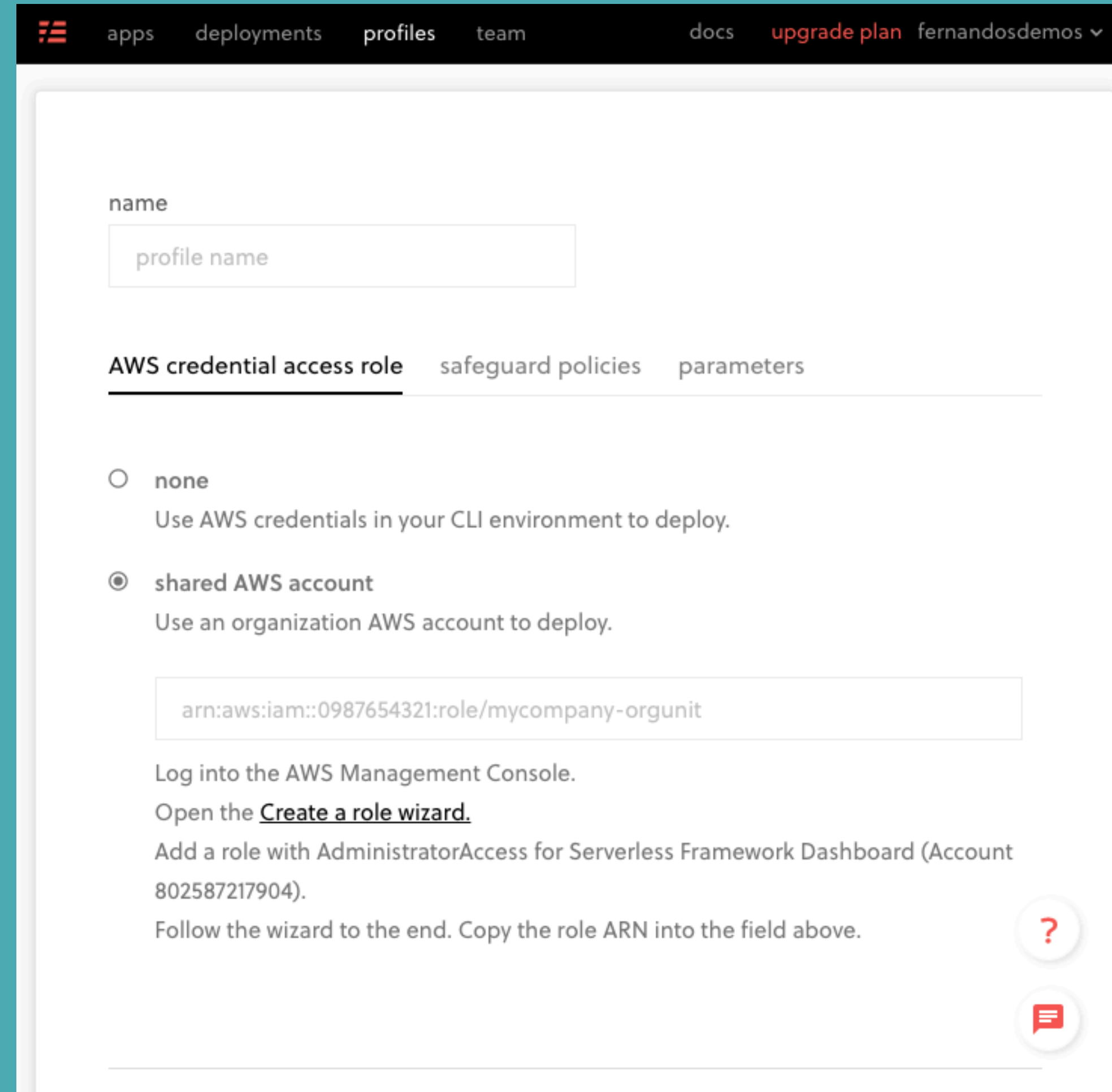
1. Review app/org values
2. Create/add an IAM role
3. Create Profiles and Safeguards
4. Deploy a `dev` and `prod` service
5. Add API Endpoints to our frontend



# Just in case...

The demo went great

Why did I do a live  
demo?



The screenshot shows the 'profiles' configuration page in the Serverless Framework dashboard. The navigation bar includes 'apps', 'deployments', 'profiles', 'team', 'docs', 'upgrade plan', and 'fernandosdemos'. The main content area has a 'name' field with the placeholder 'profile name'. Below this are three tabs: 'AWS credential access role' (selected), 'safeguard policies', and 'parameters'. Under the 'AWS credential access role' tab, there are two radio button options: 'none' (with the description 'Use AWS credentials in your CLI environment to deploy.') and 'shared AWS account' (with the description 'Use an organization AWS account to deploy.'). The 'shared AWS account' option is selected. Below the options is a text input field containing the role ARN: 'arn:aws:iam::0987654321:role/mycompany-orgunit'. At the bottom, there are instructions: 'Log into the AWS Management Console. Open the [Create a role wizard](#). Add a role with AdministratorAccess for Serverless Framework Dashboard (Account 802587217904). Follow the wizard to the end. Copy the role ARN into the field above.' There are also two circular icons on the right: a question mark and a speech bubble.



aws Services Resource Groups

Serverless Fernando Global Support

## Create role

1 2 3 4

### Select type of trusted entity

- AWS service**  
EC2, Lambda and others
- Another AWS account**  
Belonging to you or 3rd party
- Web identity**  
Cognito or any OpenID provider
- SAML 2.0 federation**  
Your corporate directory

Allows entities in other accounts to perform actions in this account. [Learn more](#)

### Specify accounts that can use this role

Account ID\*

Options  Require external ID (Best practice when a third party will assume this role)

You can increase the security of your role by requiring an optional external identifier, which prevents "confused deputy" attacks. This is recommended if you do not own or have administrative access to the account that can assume this role. The external ID can include any characters that you choose. To assume this role, users must be in the trusted account and provide this exact external ID. [Learn more](#)

**External ID**

**aws** Services ▾ Resource Groups ▾ ⭐ Serverless Fernando ▾ Global ▾ Support ▾

## Create role

1 2 3 4

▾ Attach permissions policies

Choose one or more policies to attach to your new role.

Create policy ↻

Filter policies ▾  Showing 631 results

	Policy name ▾	Used as
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AccessAnalyzerServiceRolePolicy	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▶  AdministratorAccess	Permissions policy (8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessDeviceSetup	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessFullAccess	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessGatewayExecution	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessNetworkProfileServicePolicy	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessPolyDelegatedAccessPolicy	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶  AlexaForBusinessReadOnlyAccess	None

▶ Set permissions boundary

\* Required Cancel Previous Next: Tags

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface for creating a role. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', a star icon, a notification bell, and user information 'Serverless Fernando', 'Global', and 'Support'. The main heading is 'Create role' with a progress indicator showing four steps, with step 4 being the active 'Review' step. Below the heading, a message states: 'Provide the required information below and review this role before you create it.' The form contains the following fields: 'Role name\*' with the value 'serverless-enterprise\_fernandosdemos' and a note 'Use alphanumeric and '+=, @-\_' characters. Maximum 64 characters.'; 'Role description' with an empty text area and a note 'Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+=, @-\_' characters.'; 'Trusted entities' with the value 'The account 802587217904'; 'Policies' with a cube icon and the value 'AdministratorAccess' with an external link icon; and 'Permissions boundary' with the value 'Permissions boundary is not set'. At the bottom left, it says 'No tags were added.' The footer contains '\* Required' on the left and three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Create role' on the right.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', 'Resource Groups', and user information 'Serverless Fernando'. The left sidebar lists IAM management options, with 'Roles' highlighted. The main content area shows the 'Summary' page for the role 'serverless-enterprise\_fernandosdemos'. It displays key details such as the Role ARN, Role description (with an 'Edit' link), Instance Profile ARNs, Path, Creation time (2020-01-30 13:14 PST), Last activity, and Maximum CLI/API session duration (1 hour, with an 'Edit' link). A link to allow users to switch roles is also provided. Below the summary, there are tabs for 'Permissions', 'Trust relationships', 'Tags', 'Access Advisor', and 'Revoke sessions'. The 'Permissions' tab is active, showing 'Permissions policies (1 policy applied)'. It includes an 'Attach policies' button and an 'Add inline policy' link. A table lists the attached policy: 'AdministratorAccess' (AWS managed policy).

Policy name	Policy type
AdministratorAccess	AWS managed policy

apps deployments profiles team
docs upgrade plan fernandosdemos ▾

**name**

**AWS credential access role**   safeguard policies   parameters

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none  
Use AWS credentials in your CLI environment to deploy.

**shared AWS account**  
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## profiles

name

prod

**AWS credential access role**   safeguard policies   parameters

- none  
Use AWS credentials in your CLI environment to deploy.
- shared AWS account**  
Use an organization AWS account to deploy.

```
arn:aws:iam::757370802528:role/serverless-enterprise_fernandosdemos
```

Log into the AWS Management Console.

Open the [Create a role wizard](#).

Add a role with AdministratorAccess for Serverless Framework Dashboard (Account 802587217904).

Follow the wizard to the end. Copy the role ARN into the field above.



```
$ serverless deploy --stage prod
```

```
→ serverless-devweek2020 git:(master) serverless deploy --stage prod
Serverless: Packaging service...
Serverless: Excluding development dependencies...
Serverless: Installing dependencies for custom CloudFormation resources...
Serverless: Safeguards Processing...
Serverless: Safeguards Results:

Summary -----

passed - no-secret-env-vars
passed - allowed-runtimes
passed - framework-version
warned - require-cfn-role
warned - no-unsafe-wildcard-iam-permissions
passed - allowed-stages
passed - allowed-regions

Details -----

1) Warned - no cfnRole set
  details: http://slss.io/sg-require-cfn-role
  Require the cfnRole option, which specifies a particular role for CloudFormation to assume while deploying.

2) Warned - iamRoleStatement granting Resource='*'. Wildcard resources in iamRoleStatements are not permitted.
  details: http://slss.io/sg-no-wild-iam-role
```



```
Serverless: Stack update finished...
Service Information
service: serverlessjams
stage: prod
region: us-east-1
stack: serverlessjams-prod
resources: 37
api keys:
  None
endpoints:
  POST - https://3vejkbvhexa.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/prod/send-code
  POST - https://3vejkbvhexa.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/prod/song/vote
  GET - https://3vejkbvhexa.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/prod/votes
functions:
  generateCode: serverlessjams-prod-generateCode
  vote: serverlessjams-prod-vote
  getVotes: serverlessjams-prod-getVotes
layers:
  None
Serverless: Publishing service to the Serverless Dashboard...
Serverless: Successfully published your service to the Serverless Dashboard: https://dashboard.serverless.com/tenants/devweek2020/applications/sls-jams/services/serverlessjams/stage/prod/region/us-east-1
```

```
JS app.js
```

```
frontend > JS app.js > [🔍] endpoint_url_root
```

```
9
```

```
10 | var endpoint_url_root = "https://3vejkbvhxa.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/prod"
```

```
11 | var vote_endpoint = endpoint_url_root + "/song/vote"
```

```
12 | var get_votes_endpoint = endpoint_url_root + "/votes"
```

```
13 | var generate_code_endpoint = endpoint_url_root + "/send-code"
```

# Debug

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# Running Our Frontend



```
→ serverless-devweek2020 $ cd frontend  
→ frontend $ python3 -m http.server
```

# DEMO TIME!



```
→ serverless-devweek2020 $ cd frontend  
→ frontend $ python3 -m http.server
```

1. Run our frontend
2. Try to vote
3. Try to vote again!

# Monitoring

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# DEMO TIME!

1. Explore function logs
2. Review specific invocations

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda console Explorer view. The top navigation bar includes 'overview', 'alerts', 'deployments', and 'explorer'. The main area displays a date range from 'jan, 29 01:06 pm to feb, 05 01:06 pm'. Below this, there are filters for 'view invocations' (set to 'auth'), 'recordSongVote', and 'getSongVoteCounts'. There are also buttons for 'add tags', 'include errors', 'include cold starts', and a filter for 'used > 0% of allocated memory'. The 'invocations: 2' section shows a table with the following data:

DATE & TIME ↓	FUNCTION	DURATION (MS)	MEMORY (% USED)	COLD START	ERRORS
jan 30 4:58 am	getSongVoteCounts	48	8	●	●
jan 29 2:06 pm	getSongVoteCounts	48	8	●	●

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda console Explorer view, specifically the 'spans' and 'log' sections. The 'tags' section lists the following tags:

NAME	VALUE	CUSTOM
customerid	5	{"newCustomer": true, "isDemo": true}
plan	free	{"optional-data": "included with the tag", "guid": "1237r512tye7r561ft7r5ds6a"}
user	bob	{"optional-data": "included with the tag", "guid": "1237r512tye7r561ft7r5ds6a"}

The 'spans' section shows a horizontal bar chart with the following data:

DURATION	OPERATION	SPANS
2 s	total durat...	[Bar spanning 0 to 2000 ms]
2 s	function i...	[Bar spanning 0 to 2000 ms]
149 ms	CreateTop...	[Bar from 0 to 149 ms]
106 ms	DeleteTop...	[Bar from 149 to 255 ms]
1.7 s	200 GET w...	[Bar from 255 to 1950 ms]
42 ms	PutItem d...	[Bar from 1950 to 1992 ms]

The 'log' section shows the following log entries:

```

07:20:19 pm  START RequestId: 463fe7c1-ee83-453d-ac1b-1d81fb2405d8 Version: $LATEST
07:20:19 pm  Topic created: arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:757370802528:newpytopic1
07:20:19 pm  Topic deleted: arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:757370802528:newpytopic1
07:20:19 pm  requesting nokeynoshade data
07:20:20 pm  200
07:20:20 pm  Data:
    
```

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# New Requirements:

Users may vote every five minutes

# Let's “Build” that



```
$ git checkout development
```

## DEMO TIME!

# Deploy to `dev`



```
$ serverless deploy
```

## DEMO TIME!

# How would we get this to prod?



```
$ serverless deploy --stage prod
```

# Reality is more complicated...

## >\_ Develop

Developer working locally, deploys from local CLI

stage: developer-name

## 🔄 Review

Developer commits and makes PR to share with team for review

branch: new-feature-one  
stage: new-feature-one

## 🔄 Stage

Changes are reviewed and merged to master and staged for production release.

branch: master  
stage: staging

## 🔄 Release

No issues in staging, release to production behind feature flag.

branch: prod  
stage: prod



<https://serverless.com/learn/guides/cicd/>

# BONUS DEMO TIME?



```
$ npm install serverless-finch
```

## Deploying Our Frontend

# We eat our own dog food

dashboard

services app settings ci/cd settings

ALL SERVICES  
insights  
login-broker  
queries-service

services add service

insights  
Automatic deployments are disabled. [enable](#)

✓ dev	us-east-1	successful deployment by alexdebrie	3 hours ago
✓ prod	us-east-1	successful deployment by alexdebrie	20 hours ago

login-broker  
Automatic deployments are disabled. [enable](#)

✓ dev	us-east-1	successful deployment by alexdebrie	3 hours ago
✓ prod	us-east-1	successful deployment by alexdebrie	6 days ago



# Thank you!

**Office Hours:**  
**9am tomorrow - Room 212**

**Unofficial Office Hours:**  
**Right now**  
**By appointment - (DM me)**



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