

# **Hop on the server less adventure**

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# WHAT IS *SERVERLESS?*

**"Serverless architectures refer to applications that significantly depend on third-party services (known as Backend as a Service or "BaaS") or on custom code that's run in ephemeral containers (Function as a Service or "FaaS")"**

*-Martin Fowler*

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# INFRASTRUCTURE

AS A SERVICE



INTEL

Codepen by awesome @sarah\_edo  
<https://t.co/PvqK1M2Pwz>

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- Reacts to events
- Autoscales
- 'Pay as you go'

# Serverless Cost Calculator (beta)

Calculating cost for AWS Lambda, Azure Functions, Google Cloud Functions, and IBM OpenWhisk

10000

 Number of Executions

300000

 Estimated Execution Time (ms)

1024MB

 Memory Size

True  False

 Include Free-Tier

True  False

 HTTP Requests

Vendor	Request Cost	Compute Cost	Total
AWS Lambda	\$0.00	\$43.34	\$43.34
Azure Functions	\$0.00	\$41.60	\$41.60
Google Cloud Functions	\$0.00	\$46.50	\$46.50
IBM OpenWhisk	\$0.00	\$44.20	\$44.20

<http://serverlesscalc.com/>

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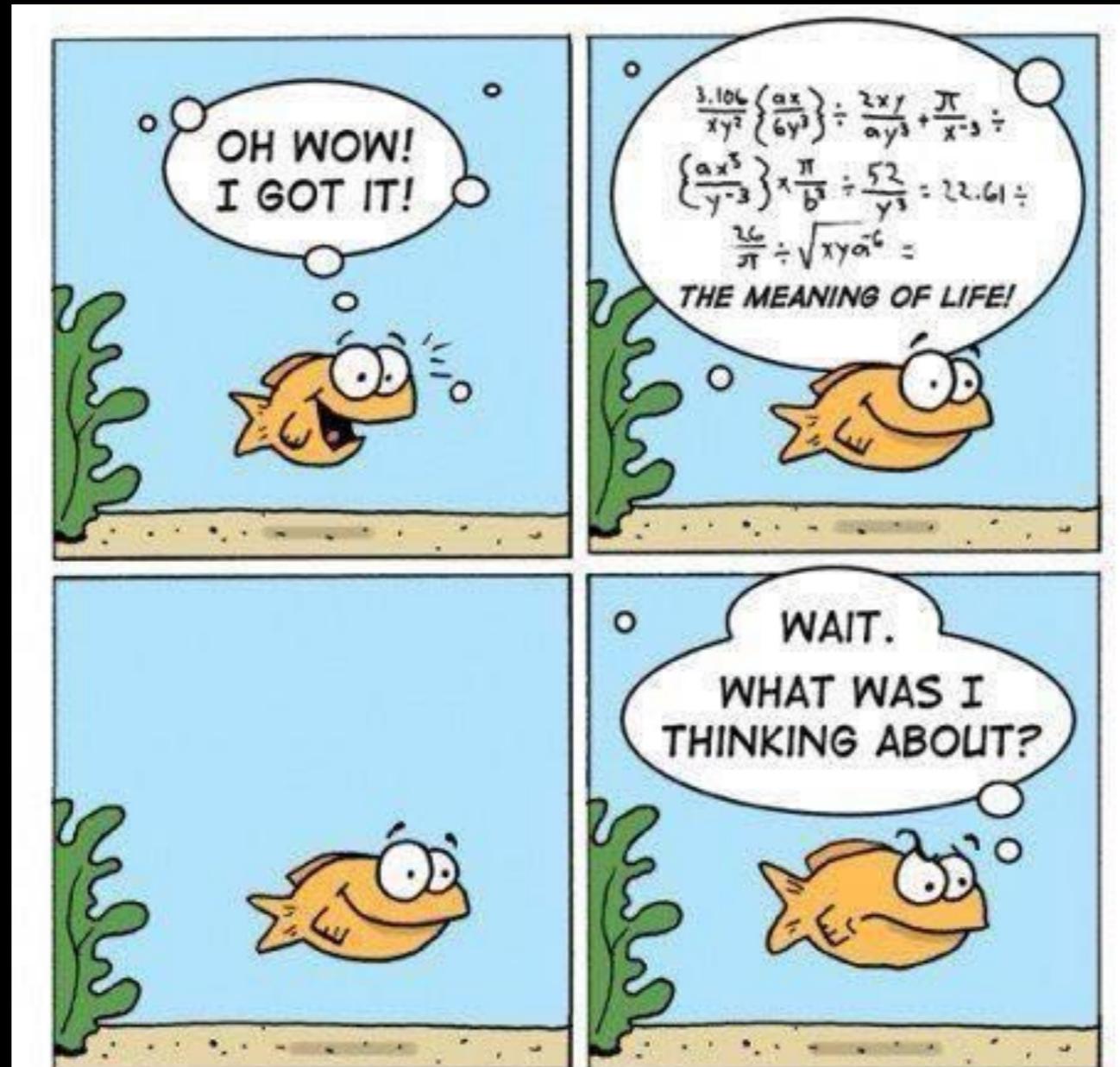
# TURBO



# Execution time limit



# Functions are stateless



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THE TRAGEDY OF A THREE SECOND MEMORY

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# Cold start



**“Serverless computing has made its way **into the enterprise** because it **simplifies deployment** and allows developers to focus more on application features than on tasks such as provisioning VMs. Emerging uses for serverless technology include **image processing, task management, workflows and notifications.**”**

# Why Node.js?

Because  
it's  
awesome!



# Why Node.js?

- Javascript has a rich ecosystem of libraries and tools
- Enable FE developers to build scalable backends
- Large use base - javascript is the English of languages



# Why Node.js?

- Lightweight - helps reduce cold start
- Commonly run in a distributed, horizontally scaled fashion
- Scripting means no compilation required to start from a portal
- Runs equally easy on most OS's



# Serverless providers

- Azure Functions
- Amazon Lambda
- Google Cloud Functions
- Auth0 Webtask
- Ibm Openwhisk

**What can I do  
with serverless?**

# Hello world

```
module.exports.hello = function(context) {  
  context.log(`JavaScript HTTP trigger function  
    processed a request.`);  
  
  context.res = {  
    body: `Go Serverless v1.x!  
      Your function executed successfully!Yay`  
  };  
  
  context.done();  
};
```

# Timer

**Run background tasks**

# Web hook

The screenshot shows a Slack workspace named "serverlessimona" with a sidebar on the left containing navigation options like "All Threads", "Channels" (general, random), "Direct Messages" (slackbot, Simona Cotin), "Invite People", and "Apps". The main chat area is a direct message conversation with "Simona Cotin (you)".

The chat history shows:

- A message from "iconify" APP at 2:41 PM containing a URL: <https://d30y9cdsu7xlg0.cloudfront.net/png/118986-200.png> (2 kB). Below the URL is a vertical black arrow pointing downwards.
- A message from "Simona Cotin" at 2:44 PM with the text "/iconify here".
- A message from "iconify" APP at 2:44 PM containing a URL: <https://d30y9cdsu7xlg0.cloudfront.net/png/174029-200.png> (1 kB). Below the URL is a vertical black arrow pointing downwards, followed by a horizontal dotted line.

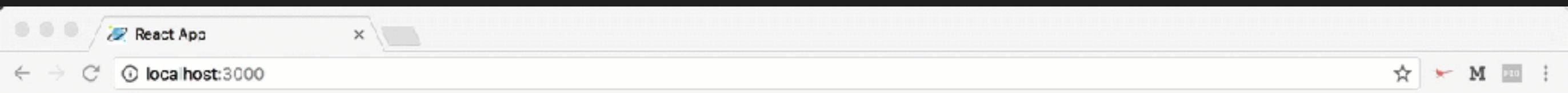
The bottom of the chat window shows a text input field with the placeholder text "Get something down" and a cursor. To the right of the input are icons for adding attachments, mentions, and emojis.

```
var NounProject = require('the-noun-project');
var qs = require('querystring');
module.exports = function(context, req) {
  const body = qs.parse(req.body);
  nounProject = new NounProject({
    key: process.env.NounApiKey,
    secret: process.env.NounApiSecret
  });
  nounProject.getIconsByTerm(body.text, { limit: 5 }, (err, data) => {
    const slack_res = {};
    const attachments = [];
    for (icon of data.icons) {
      attachments.push({ image_url: icon.preview_url, text: icon.preview_url });
    }
    if (!err) {
      slack_res = {
        parse: 'full',
        response_type: 'in_channel',
        attachments: attachments
      };
      context.log(data.icons);
    } else {
      context.log(`Error: ${err}`);
      slack_res = {
        response_type: 'ephemeral',
        text: "Sorry, that didn't work. Please try again."
      };
    }
    context.res = {
      body: slack_res
    };
    context.done();
  });
};
```

# Web API

**Implement CRUD operations**

# Web API



## Heroes

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Add New Hero

# Web API

Pluralsight course with  
John Papa

<https://aka.ms/pbp>

GitHub repo

<https://aka.ms/pbp-serverless>

# Data processing

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Microsoft Azure



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Abel Wang	Tech Summit 2017 Milan	3/20/2017	3/21/2017	Milan
Abel Wang	TechSummit 2017 Seoul	4/26/2017	4/27/2017	Seoul
Abel Wang	Velocity	6/19/2017	6/21/2017	San Jose
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Abel Wang	Visual Studio Partner Summit	9/20/2017	9/21/2017	Redmond
Abel Wang	MSIgnite 2017	9/24/2017	9/29/2017	Orlando, FL
Abel Wang	Minnesota Developer Conference	10/2/2017	10/2/2017	Minneapolis
Abel Wang	AppConn - Budapest	10/10/2017	10/11/2017	Budapest
Abel Wang	VS Live -Anaheim	10/16/2017	10/17/2017	Anaheim
Abel Wang	AppConn - Houston	11/1/2017	11/2/2017	Houston, TX
Abel Wang	AppConn - Thailand	11/10/2017	11/10/2017	Bangkok



# Data processing

Demo by Sarah Drasner

(follow her on Twitter!!)

Article: <https://css-tricks.com/exploring-data-with-serverless-and-vue-part-i/>

**How do I get started?**

# Create function - portal

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Secure | <https://ms.portal.azure.com/#>

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FUNCTION APP

Running

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COGNITIVE SERVICES

Resources  
SICOTIN-HUE

- sicotin-emotions Cognitive Services
- sicotin-nodeconf Cognitive Services
- sicotinsentiment Storage account
- sicotin-twilio Cognitive Services
- sicotin-hue App Service
- sicotin-hue Application Insights
- sicotinhue9910 Storage account
- UKSouthPlan App Service plan

**BUT...**

**THAT'S NOT HOW  
I USUALLY WRITE CODE**

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# Local debugging - prerequisites

- Node v8.0+
  - Older versions of node will be supported soon.
- .NET Core 2.0
- Azure Core Function Tools 2.0

```
npm install --global azure-functions-core-tools@core
```



# Create function - cli

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A terminal window with a title bar containing three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and the text "1. bash" on the right. The terminal content shows the prompt "Simonas-MBP:demo simonacotin\$" followed by a vertical bar cursor. The rest of the terminal area is empty.

```
Simonas-MBP:demo simonacotin$ |
```



**HOW DO I TAKE  
THIS TO THE CLOUD?!**

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# **Publish function**

# Publish function

The image shows a screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The top-left sidebar contains the Explorer, Search, and Run and Debug views. The Explorer view shows a project structure with folders like `.vscode` and `HttpTriggerJS`, and files like `launch.json`, `function.json`, `index.js`, `sample.dat`, `.gitignore`, `host.json`, and `local.settings.json`. The main editor area displays the 'Welcome' screen with options to start a new file, open a folder, or add a workspace folder. Below this, a 'Recent' list shows several workspace folders. The bottom-right panel shows the 'DEBUG CONSOLE' with the following output:

```
Debugging with inspector protocol because it was detected.  
Worker 5963a9c2-76ac-41e6-a441-5c201562bf4e connecting on 127.0.0.1:5 worker-bundle.js:25312
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the current branch is `master*`, shows 0 errors and 0 warnings, and includes the text `Attach to Azure Functions` and `Azure: sicotin@microsoft.com`. The `Prettier` extension logo is also visible.

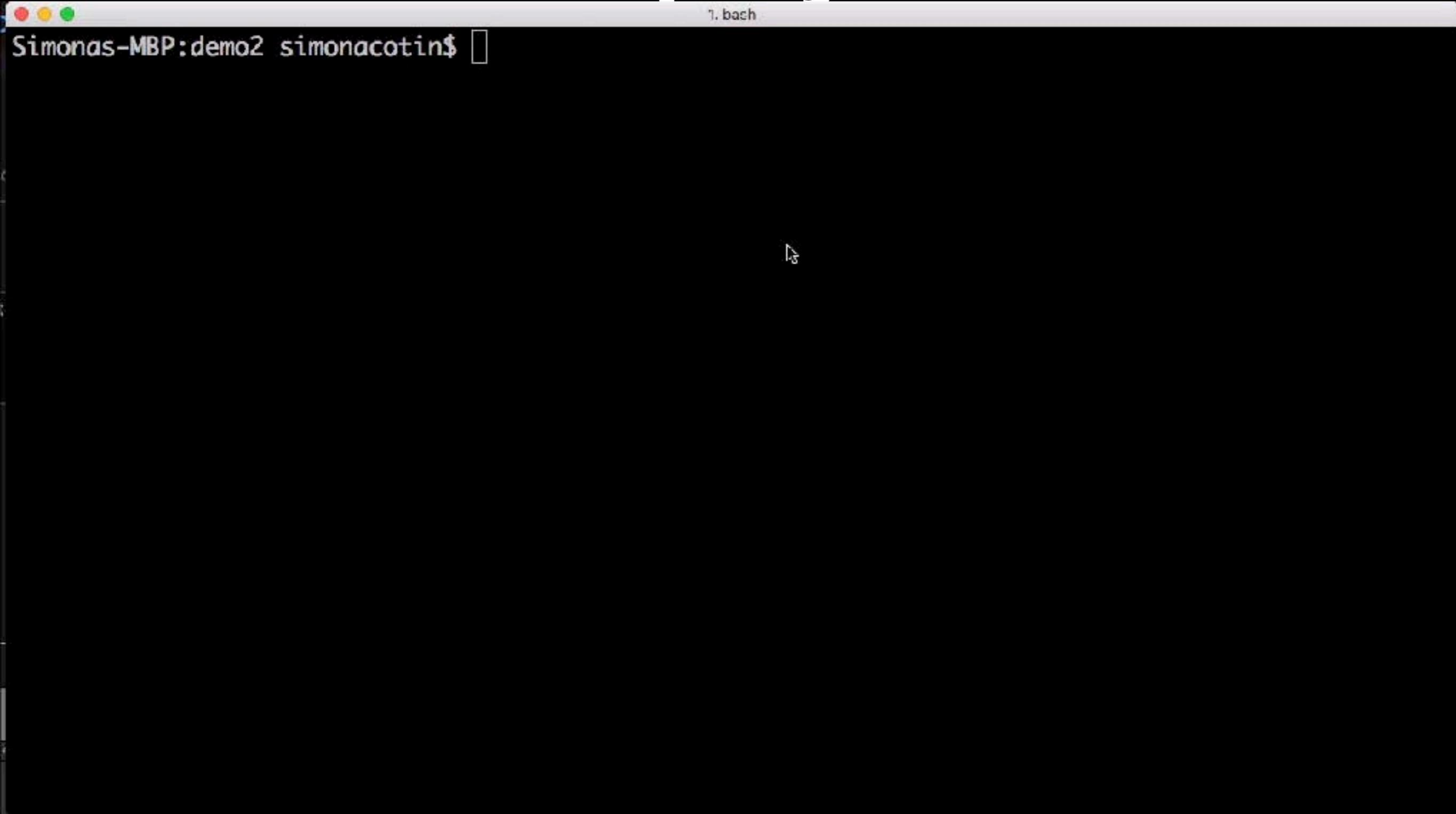


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# Git deployment

# Git deployment



A terminal window with a title bar containing three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and the text "1. bash" on the right. The main area of the terminal is black with white text. The prompt "Simonas-MBP:demo2 simonacotin\$" is visible at the top left, followed by a white cursor block. A mouse cursor is visible in the center of the terminal area.

```
Simonas-MBP:demo2 simonacotin$
```

# Git deployment - setup

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The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. The browser address bar displays <https://ms.portal.azure.com>. The user is logged in as `sicotin@microsoft.com`. The main content area shows the details for a Function App named `sicotin-serverless-deploy`. The app is currently in a **Running** status. The interface includes a navigation sidebar on the left with options for Home, Function Apps, Functions, Proxies, and Slots (preview). The main content area has tabs for Overview and Platform features. The Overview tab is active, showing a control bar with buttons for Stop, Swap, Restart, Download publish profile, and Reset publish. Below the control bar, the Status is **Running**. The Subscription is `sicotin` and the Subscription ID is `3b39d901-dea9-4a3c-b6de-8e16105de4b0`. The Resource group is `serverless-s` and the Location is `UK South`. The Configured features section shows **Function app settings**.

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Home > sicotin-serverless-deploy

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Function Apps

"sicotin-serverless-deploy" ✕

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Function Apps

⚡ sicotin-serverless-deploy

Functions

Proxies

Slots (preview)

Overview

Platform features

■ Stop ↔ Swap ↺ Restart ⬇ Download publish profile ↻ Reset publish

Status  
✔ Running

Subscription  
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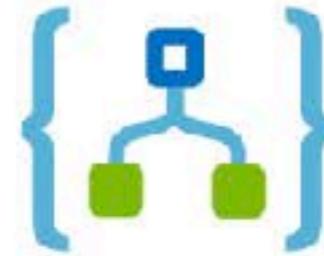
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Resource group  
serverless-s

Location  
UK South

Configured features

⚡ Function app settings



An open source set of common use cases for Azure Functions & Logic Apps that are ready to deploy into your Azure Subscription!

**⚡ OpenALPR License Plate Reader**

App for reading license plate info from a photo. (Function in C#)

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**⚡ Stripe Payment Service**

Allows for incorporating Stripe payment functionality as a callable web service. (Function in NodeJS)

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**⚡ LIFX Light Bulb color changer**

Timers that set the color of an LIFX bulb based on the outside temperature. (Function in NodeJS)

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**⚡ Deploy Git Hosted Azure Function**

Deploys an Azure Function(s) via a git Repository URL. (Function in C#)

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**⚡ HTTP CRUD on CosmosDB**

An HTTP API for CRUD operations against CosmosDB. (So boring, why would you write it yourself?!!) (Function in NodeJS)

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**⚡ What to Bring**

Returns a list of what items you should bring when traveling to certain cities. (Function in NodeJS)

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Search



[-https://aka.ms/serverless-demos](https://aka.ms/serverless-demos)

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- Event driven code
- Autoscales
- Only pay for what you're using/Pay as you go

# Resources

- <https://github.com/anaibol/awesome-serverless>
- <https://aka.ms/functions>
- <https://github.com/simonaco/pbp-serverless>
- <https://css-tricks.com/exploring-data-with-serverless-and-vue-part-i/>
- <https://github.com/simonaco/property-suggester>

# /serverless/ **DAYS**

6 July 2018, St John's Hoxton, London

- 2018/04/06 - CFP Opens
- 2018/04/11 - Tickets go on Sale
- 2018/05/07 - CFP Closes
- 2018/05/21 - Speaker Announcement
- 2018/07/06 - ServerlessDays London

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**“the thing that distinguishes  
the best, fastest, most  
efficient engineering  
organizations is how little  
code they actually write”**

*-Joe Emison*

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