

AWS Step Functions: Steep Curve; Maximum Power

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Why Step Functions?

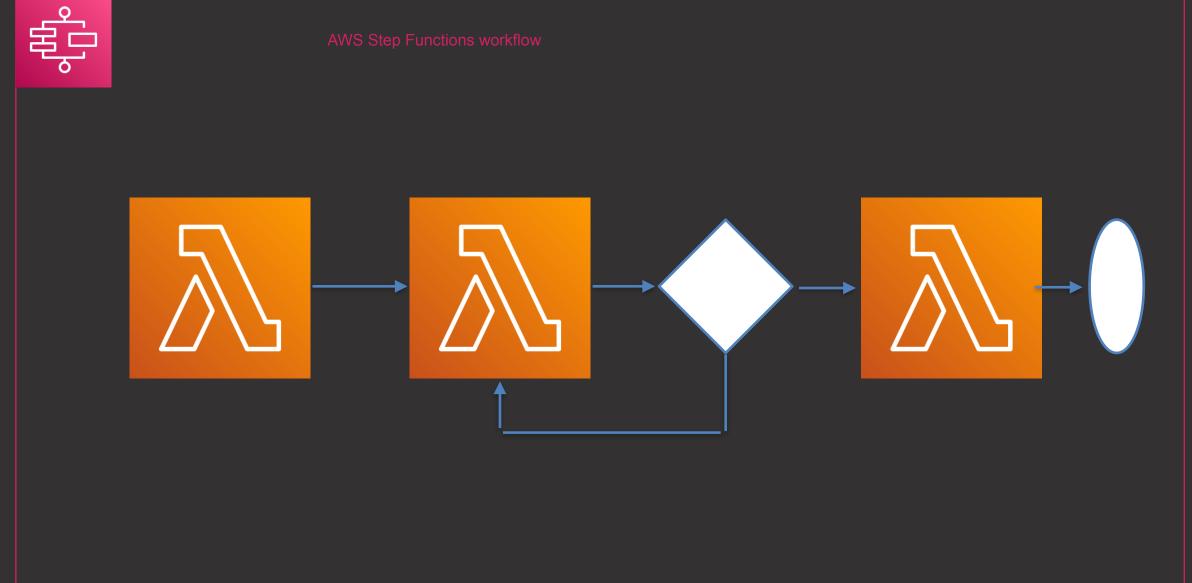
- Asynchronous background processing
- Own a complex workflow end-to-end
- Spin up instantly and consume no resources while idle
- Pause/start/stop workflows
- For me, this is use case #1 for serverless!

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Step Functions as a Lambda Orchestrator





Lambda as SDK Proxy?

```
import EventBridge from 'aws-sdk/clients/eventbridge';
  const eb = new EventBridge();
vexport const handler = async (payload: string): Promise<void> => {
    await eb
      .putEvents({
        Entries: [
            EventBusName: process.env.BUS_NAME,
           Detail: payload,
      .promise();
  };
```

- Cold Starts
- Code Ownership
- Dependencies
- Runtime Deprecation

Service Integrations and Intrinsics are Powerful!

- Direct SDK integrations
- Array manipulation
- String operations
- Math
- Hash/random strings
- Encoding/Decoding
- JSON

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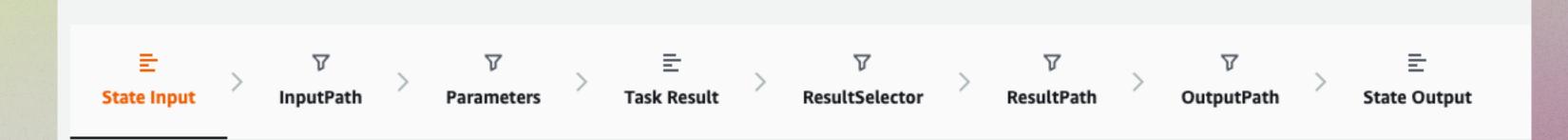
- Fast
- Cheap
- No Dependencies
- Managed Compute (no OOM)
- Observable

Service Integrations and Intrinsics are Hard!

```
"SendSuccess": {
    "End": true,
    "Type": "Task",
    "Resource": "arn:aws:states:::aws-sdk:sfn:sendTaskSuccess",
    "Parameters": {
        "Output.$": "$.Stats",
        "TaskToken.$": "$.Token"
    }
}
```

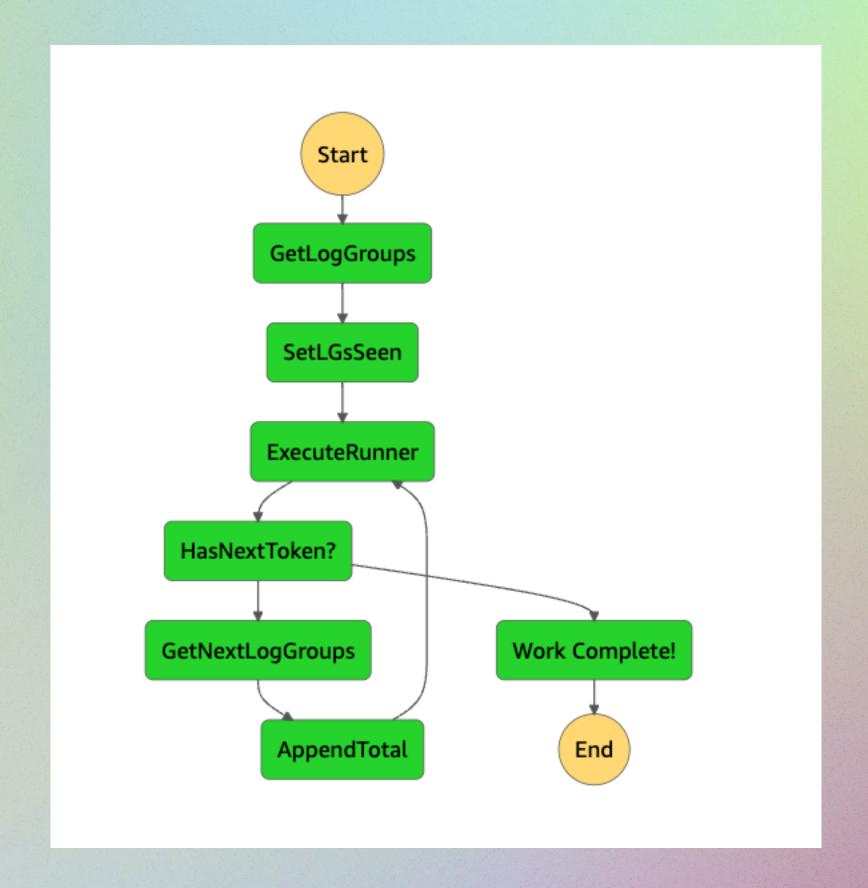
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```
"AppendTotal": {
    "Type": "Pass",
    "ResultPath": "$.Stats",
    "Parameters": {
        "LGsDeleted.$": "$.Stats.LGsDeleted",
        "LGsRetained.$": "$.Stats.LGsRetained",
        "LGsSeen.$": "States.MathAdd($.Stats.LGsSeen,
ates.ArrayLength($.LG.LogGroups))"
    },
    "Next": "ExecuteRunner"
},
```

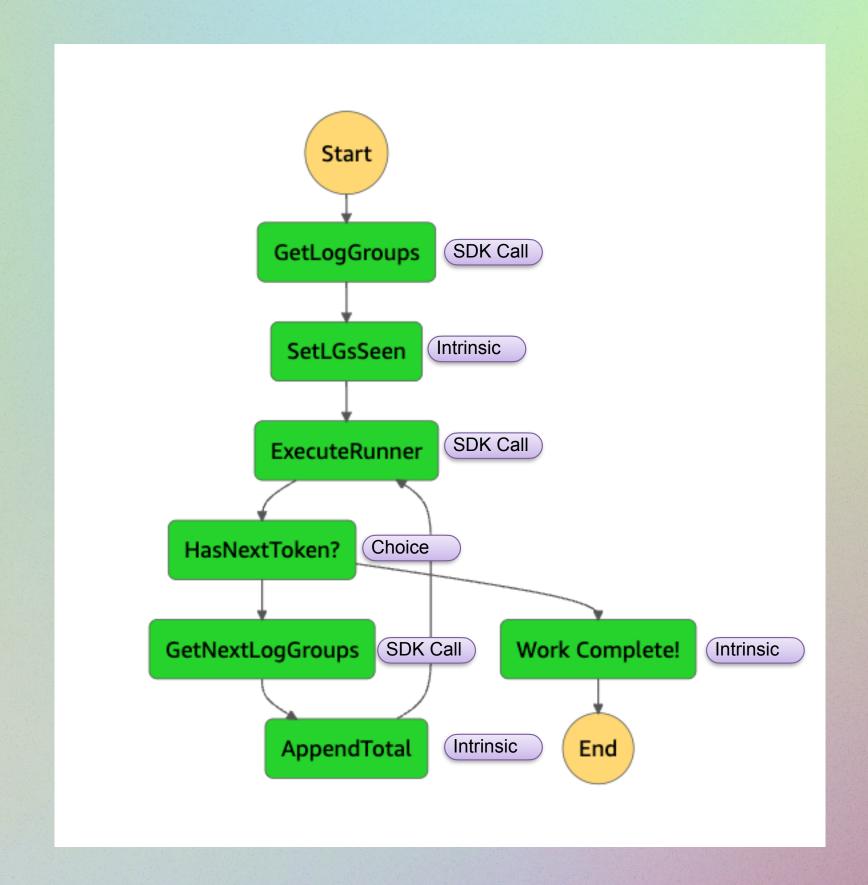


- Set LogGroup Retention if unset
- Prune "orphaned" Lambda LogGroups
- Can be scheduled
- Any scale
- Log results

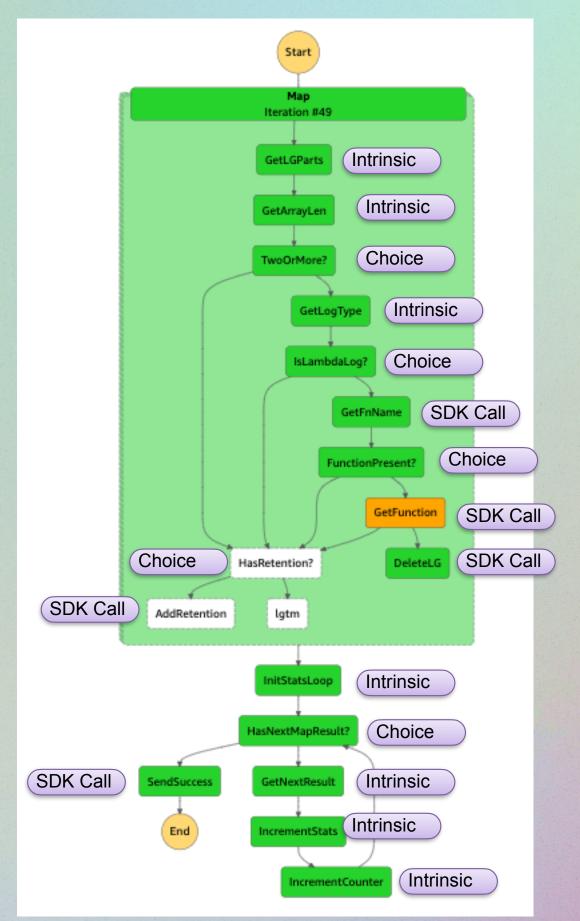












The Sweet Spot



- Highly optimized and scaled-out workflows
- Distributed constructs
- Curb any spaghetti tendencies

Tools

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- Workflow Studio
- cdk watch / sam sync
- functionless.org

Try My Construct!

