# **Building** a scaleable tiling service using Amazon API Gateway

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# Why did we build it?

- Protect commercial data
- Operates at scale (serverless)
- Standardise our APIs
- Improve our developer experience





#### How does it work?

Vector tile service in the cloud

- API Gateway interface
- Slippy tiles spec API
- S3 Bucket storage
- Supports vector tile cache (PBFs)





# **API Gateway**

- Forwards HTTP requests to S3
- Protects S3 from public access
- In-built cache available
- Edge deployment via CloudFront
- No Lambda or compute layer





### **Getting started**

#### Service packaged as Terraform module

- 1. Terraform run
  - create S3 bucket and API gateway
- 2. Upload vector tiles and tile.json
- 3. Instructions and examples on GitHub

|                                | tile-service Version 0.0.4 (latest) *  | Module Downloads All versions ~   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| aws                            | AWS Version 0.0.4 (latest) *   | Downloads this week 62  |
|                                | Terraform module to create a vector tile service using Amazon API Gateway and S3                                       | Downloads this month 73   |
|                                | Published August 9, 2022 by addresscloud   | Downloads this year 266   |
|                                | Module managed by tomasholderness<br>Source Code: github.com/addresscloud/terraform-aws-tile-service (report an issue) | Downloads over all time 266   |
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|                                |  | Copy and paste into your Terraform<br>configuration, insert the variables, and run<br>terraform init: |
|                                |  | <pre>module "tile-service" {    source = "addresscloud/tile-serv:    version = "0.0.4" }</pre>        |
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#### **Bonus features**

- Modify API response using VTL
  - update TileJson on-the-fly
- Supports custom S3 policies
  - Use S3 replication
  - Replicate cross-region/account



https://github.com/addresscloud/terraform-aws-tile-service



#### Resources

- This talk
  - https://github.com/addresscloud/terraform-aws-tile-service
- Serverless vector tiles with Cloudfront CDN (FOSS4G 2018):
  - https://github.com/addresscloud/serverless-tiles
- Raster tiles with rio-tiler
  - https://cogeotiff.github.io/rio-tiler/