Converting PDF at Scale

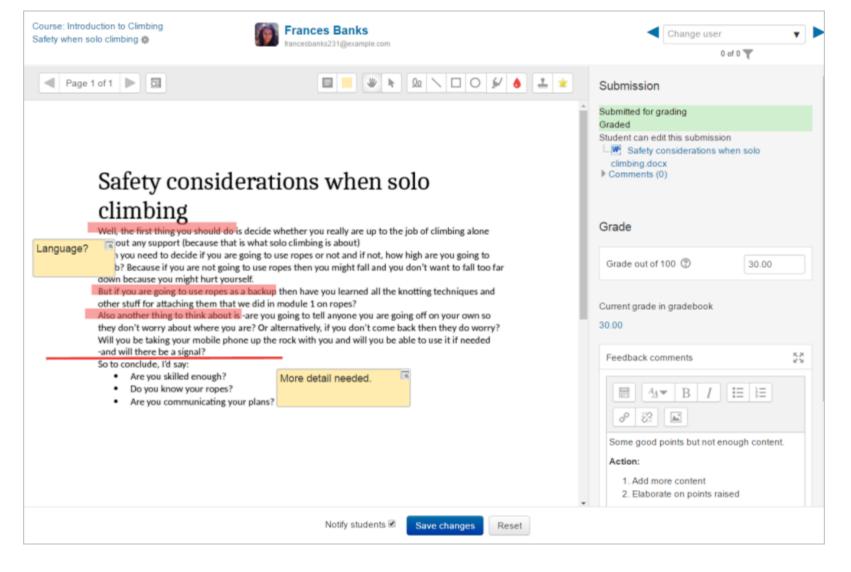
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PDF Conversion

- Non-PDF Documents Must Be Converted
- Conversion Occurs Outside Moodle
- Conversion Process:
 - 1. Student Submits Non-PDF Document
 - 2. Document Converted By Moodle
 - 3. Teacher Annotates PDF





Core Converters

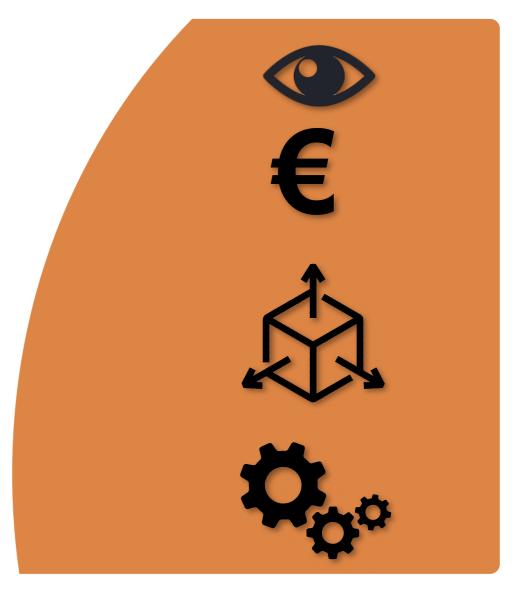
- Unoconv
 - LibreOffice
 - Need To Setup And Manage
- Google Drive
 - Managed Service





Replacement Requirements

- Privacy
- Cost
- Scalability & Performance
- Management & Set Up

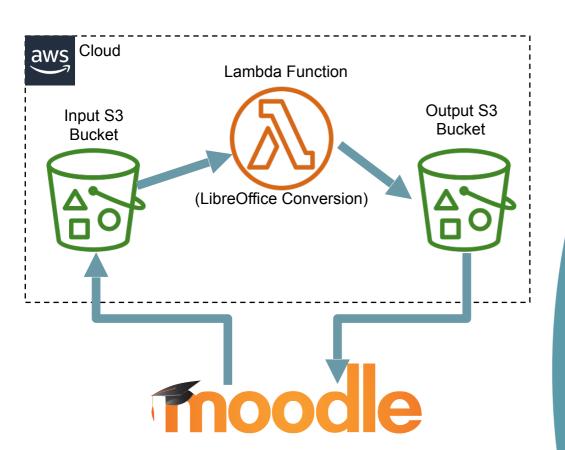


LibreLambda Converter Plugin

- Converts Documents To PDF
- Conversion Via LibreOffice
- Uses AWS Lambda



LibreLambda Converter Architecture





Cost Profiling

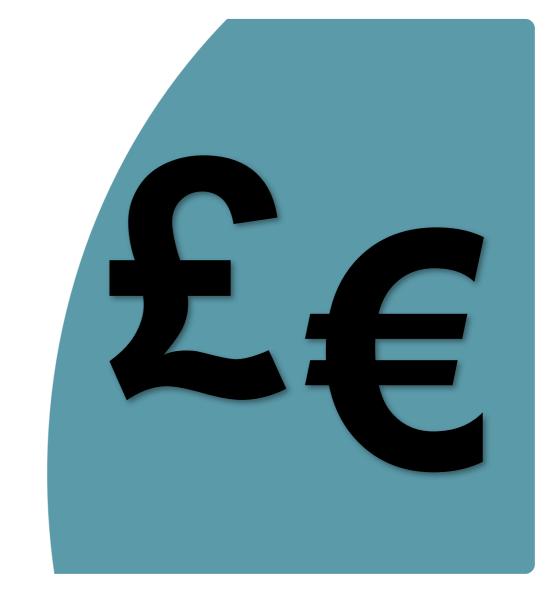
- Transfer Internet to S3
 - Put object request: \$0.0055 per 1,000 requests
 - All data transfer in \$0.00 per GB
- Transfer to lambda
 - File transfer: free
 - Get Request \$0.00044 per 1,000 requests
- Lambda conversion
 - Invocations:
 - First 1M requests per month are free.
 - \$0.20 per 1M requests thereafter
 - Execution cost:
 - 400,000 GB-Seconds per month free
 - \$0.00001667 every GB-Second used thereafter
- Transfer from Lambda to S3
 - File transfer: free
 - Put object request: \$0.0055 per 1,000 requests
- Per Bucket S3 Storage Cost
 - Storage Cost: \$0.025 per GB
- Transfer S3 to Internet
 - Get Request \$0.00044 per 1,000 requests
 - Up to 1 GB / Month \$0.00 per GB
 - Next 9.999 TB / Month \$0.114 per GB

(Prices in AUD)



Cost Profiling

- Converted 100,000 Documents
- Total Cost:
 - £3.92 (€4.58, \$7.31AUD)
- Cost per Document:
 - £0.0000392
 - €0.0000458



Scalability and Performance

- Converted 100,000 Documents
- Total Conversion Time: ~120 minutes
- Time Per Document: ~7 seconds
- Running Multiple Threads
- No Need To Manually Scale



Management & Setup

- Plugin Includes:
 - Setup Script
 - Test Script
- Moodle Settings Automatically Set



Why AWS

- Environment Familiarity
- Development Speed
- Could Use other Cloud Providers e.g. Google, Azure



Why AWS

- Europe (Ireland) Region
 - Launched 2007
- Europe (Frankfurt) Region
 - Launched 2014
- Europe (London) Region
 - Launched 2016
- Europe (Paris) Region
 - Launched 2017
- Europe (Stockholm) Region
 - Launched 2018



Next Steps

- Client Rollout
- More Development Cycles
- Other Platform Support



Links

- https://moodle.org/plugins/fileconverter_librelambda
- https://github.com/mattporritt/moodle-fileconverter_librelambda
- https://docs.moodle.org/36/en/Using_Assignment#Annotating_submissions



