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Automating Cloud Network Controller Operations on Public Clouds

From GUI to Terraform

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Agenda

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- Cloud Network Controller Architecture and Deployment
- Demo: CNC Config and Operations using GUI
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- Demo: CNC Config and Operations using Terraform
- Additional Resources
- Q&A



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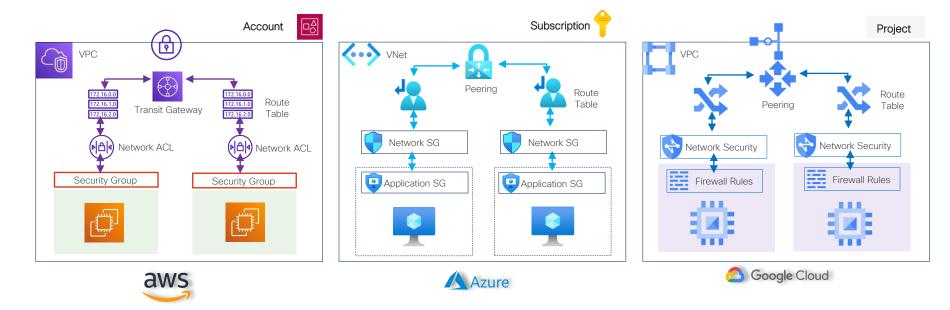


It is not only about to the cloud strategies. It is also about inside and across different clouds.



Cloud Networking Fundamentals

Inside the Cloud





Previous Sessions

Automating Cloud Network Controller Operations on Public Clouds - DEVNET-2686

Event: 2023 Amsterdam



Marina Ferreira, Tecnical Solutions Architect, Cisco Systems, Inc.
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Controller (formerly Cloud ACI) works on Public Clouds, how it
normalizes and translates a cloud-like policy model into public
cloud native constructs, and how Terraform can be leveraged to
automate Cloud Network Controller operations. Part...



Automating Cloud ACI Operations on Public Clouds - DEVNET-2686

Event: 2022 Las Vegas



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ACI has become the leading software-defined solution for Data
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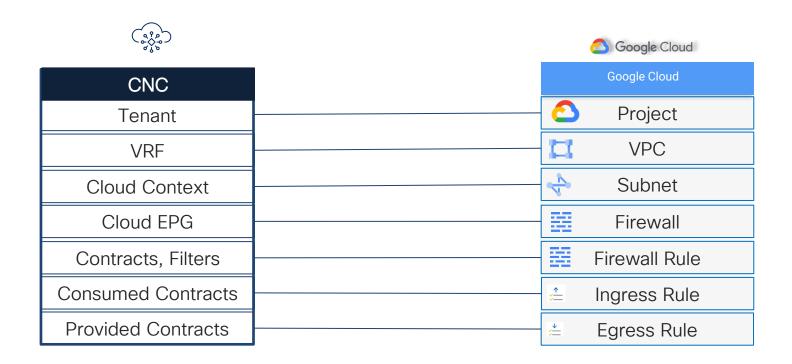




Cloud Network Controller on GCP



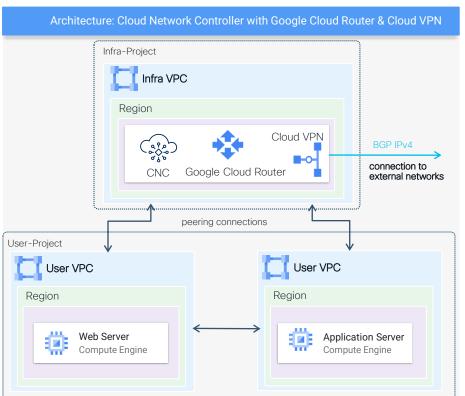
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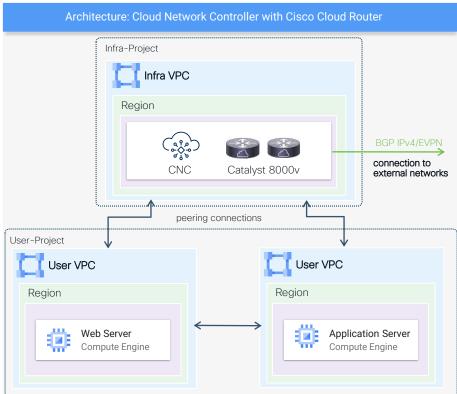






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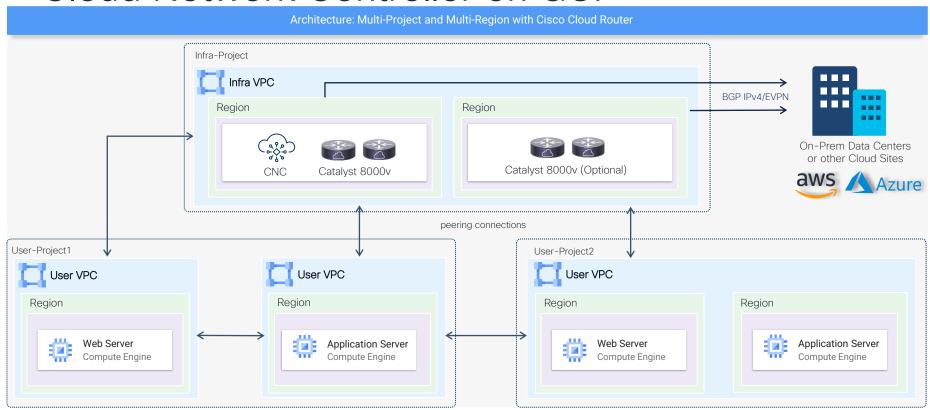








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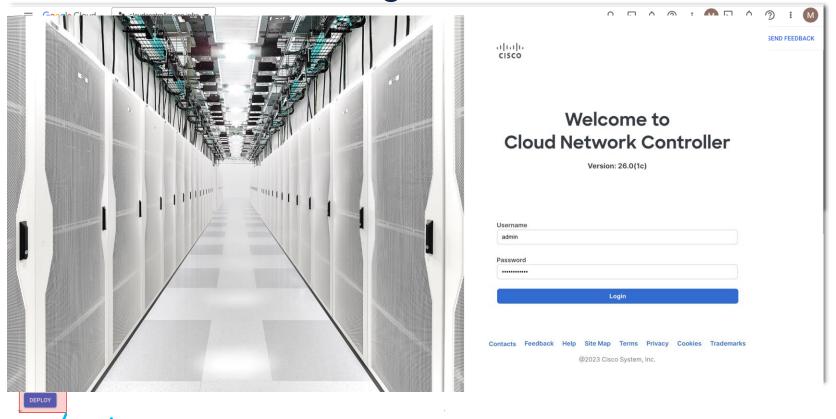




Deploying CNC on GCP



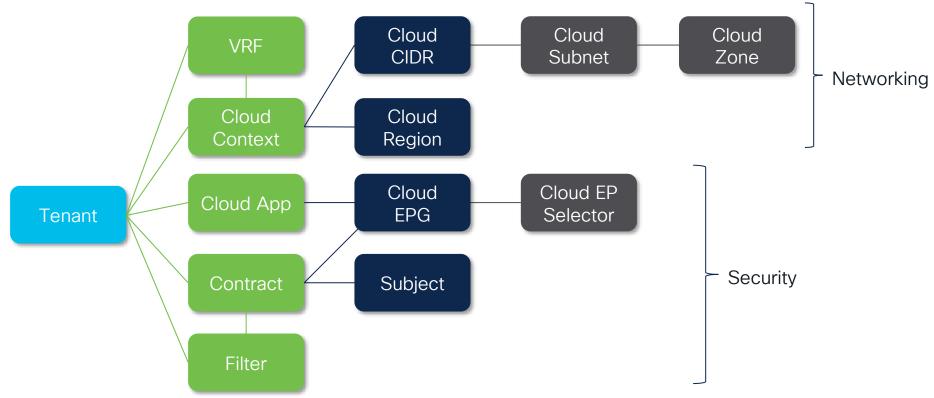




DEMO: CNC Config and Operations using GUI



CNC Policy Model in Action



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Full Model: https://developer.cisco.com/site/apic-mim-ref-api

Programmability Options



CN REST API

https://{cnc-ip}/model-doc

Interacting with REST API

- There are several ways to interact with the CNC REST API
 - Graphical User Interface
 - "Raw" API requests (e.g., via Postman)
 - Any programming language (JavaScript, Python, ...)
 - Ansible
 - Terraform







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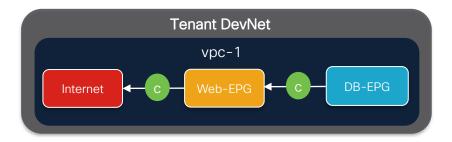


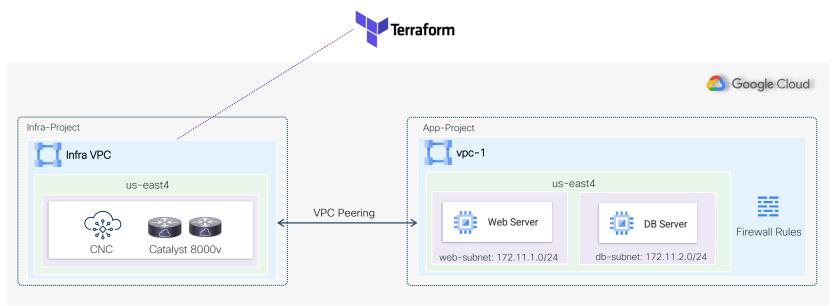


Demo: CNC Config and Operations using Terraform



Demo Scenario





https://github.com/marinalf/cnc-demo-terraform-gcp



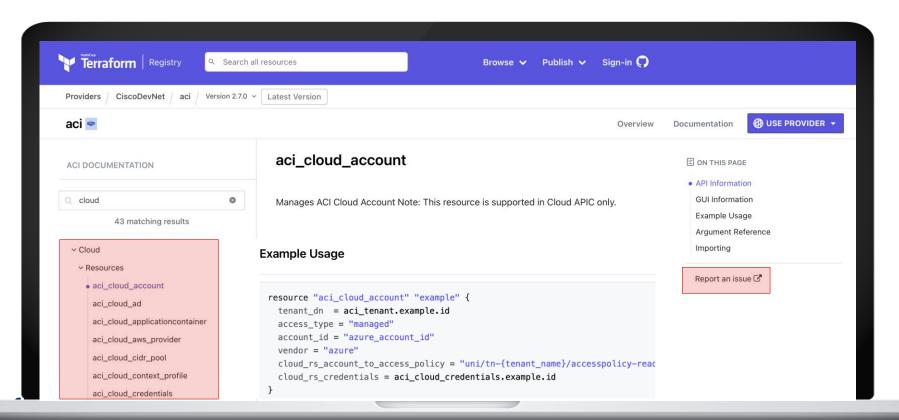
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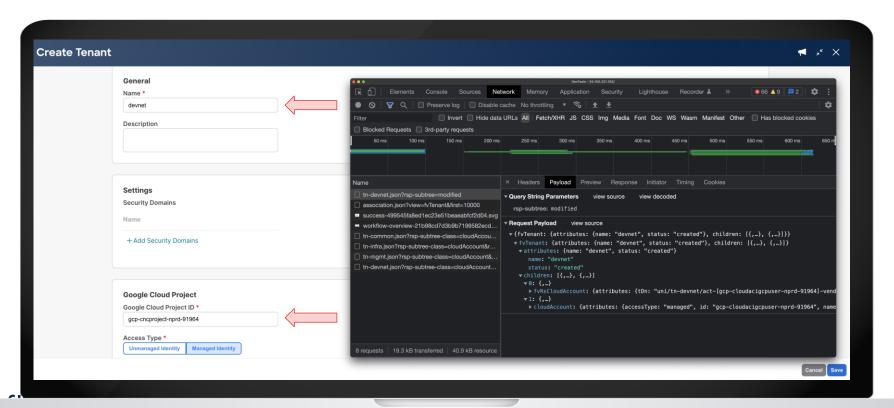
Terraform Provider

Documentation



CNC REST API

API Inspector



Using Terraform

Starting with standard modules

provider.tf

```
terraform {
  required_providers {
    aci = {
        source = "ciscodevnet/aci"
        version = ">= 2.7.0"
    }
  }
  required_version = ">= 1.2"
}
provider "aci" {
  username = var.username
  password = var.password
  url = var.url
  insecure = true
}
```

main.tf

```
resource "aci_tenant" "terraform_ten" {
  name = var.tenant_name
}

resource "aci_cloud_account" "cloud_provider" {
  tenant_dn = aci_tenant.terraform_ten.id
  access_type = "managed"
  account_id = var.project_id
  vendor = var.cloud_vendor
}

resource "aci_tenant_to_cloud_account" "cloud_acct_ten" {
  tenant_dn = aci_tenant.terraform_ten.id
  cloud_account_dn = aci_cloud_account.cloud_provider.id
}
```

variables.tf

```
variable "username" {}
variable "password" {}
variable "url" {}
variable "project_id" {}

variable "tenant_name" {
  default = "devnet"
}

variable "vrf_name" {
  default = "vpc-1"

variable "cloud_vendor" {
  default = "gcp"
}
```

More Advanced Modules https://github.com/rjohnston6/terraform-aci-cloud-apic-tenant



Additional Resources



450+ APIC & CNC resources/data sources available https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-aci

90+ Orchestrator resources/data sources available https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/terraform-provider-mso



https://developer.cisco.com/iac

Additional Readings:

Blog Series: Introducing Cisco Cloud Network Controller on GCP Whitepaper: Multi-Cloud Networking Solution With Google Cloud



Related Sessions

Architecting Hybrid Multi-Cloud Infrastructures - BRKDCN-2616

Cisco Cloud Network Controller - Hybrid Multi-Cloud Infrastructure and Policy Automation enabler - BRKDCN-2653

Building ACI Hybrid Multicloud from scratch with Demo (onPrem, ACI/AWS/Azure/GCP) - **BRKDCN-2989**



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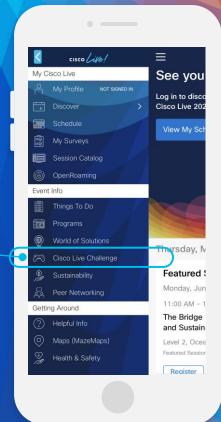
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